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New-England Yearly Meeting.

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At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 16th, and at Newport for discipline, on Second day morning, the 17th of 6th month, 1867.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

Rhode Island – Elizabeth Meader, Mary A. Smith, Sarah F. Tobey, Gulielma Freeborn, Abby C. Gifford, Hannah Dame, Mary Collins, Ruth Anthony, Sarah Slade, Elizabeth Peckham, and Eleanor G. Arnold.

Salem – Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah B. Leighton, Beulah W. Rogers, Mary B. Breed, Maria Chase, Mary Nichols, Mary S. Milliken, Mary E. Breed, Ann Maria Coffin and Lucy P. Hawkes.

Sandwich – Rhoda H. Taber, Sylvia G. Hoxland, Elizabeth C. Wing, Maria B. Smith, Phebe R. Gifford, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Lois B. Gifford, Almira F. Davis and Rebecca A. Church.

Falmouth – Maria B. Jones, Eunice J. Rice, Patience B. Winslow, Esther Jones, Katharine M. Gould, and Lucy B. Goddard.

Smithfield – Phebe S. Marsh, Ann B. Earle, Lucy F. Collins, Minerva Farnum, Maria Aldrich and Rebecca C. Munro.

Vassalboro – Lydia P. Fry, Ann Jones, Lydia Shepherd, Ann E. Lang, Mary C. Jones, Elizabeth T. Cook, Mary R. Jones, Jane A. Varney and Lavinia H. Jones.

Dover – Cynthia Buffum, Lucinda Pinkham, Lydia Sawyer, Lydia E. Jenkins, Lydia N. Dennis and Abiail C. Beede.

Fairfield – Fanny S. Peckham, Eunice W. Farr, Emiline C. Miers, Sarah W. Farr, Mary J. Page, Phebe P. Jones, Christina W. Hamlin, Sophia D.

Bailey, Sarah Gifford and Sovesta Bailey, whose names being called, they were all present, except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah K. Reynolds and Gertrude H. Cartland.

Salem has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joel H. Davis to the station of Elder.

Elizabeth H. Page, a minister and member of Weare Monthly Meeting, died 3d month, 24th, 1867, aged 57 years less three days.

Sandwich has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Charity G. Dillingham and Lois B. Gifford.

John R. Davis, a minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 7th month, 27th, 1866, aged 90 years, 10 months, and 18 days. Mary Shepherd, and Elder and member of Pembroke Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st month 22d, 1867, aged 78 years, 7 months, and 22 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Lydia A. Cartland, and with Durham Monthly meeting, in appointing Robert Goddard, of Lewiston, Joseph Cartland, Patience Goddard, Jr. and Susan R. Cartland to the station of Elder; and that Mary T. Varney, a minister and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 8th month 24th, 1866, aged 67 years 7 months and 10 days; and that Abigail S. Goddard, and Elder and member of the same meeting, died 11th month 7th, 1866, aged 60 years 3 months and 25 days.

Vassalboro has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary C. Jones, to the station of Elder. Jacob Partridge, and Elder and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d month 18th,

1867, aged 85 years 8 months and 27 days. Josiah Jones, an Elder and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 1st month 26th, 1867, aged 74 years 11 months and 6 days.

Dover has united with Berwick Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Isaac Varney and Eliza P. Varney, to the station of Elder.

Fairfield has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Moses Bailey and Mary Ann Bailey to the station of Elder.

Lydia Purinton an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased 7th month 1st, 1866, aged 95 years and 11 months.

Interesting Epistles from our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings have been received and read, and we appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as way may open for it, prepare essays of reply to present at a future sitting of this meeting, viz:

Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Anna G. Wood, Abigail C. Beede, Elizabeth C. Wing, Rachel B. Nichols, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Olivia C. Oliver, Esther Jones, Phebe R. Gifford, Susan Taber, Rhoda H. Taber, Ruth H. Baker, Mary C. Jones, Mary F. Bailey, Sarah Holmes, Hannah T. Jenkins, Ann Elmira Lang, Sarah H. Reynolds, Eunice J. Rich, Mehitable B. Wiggin, Rebecca Smiley, Lydia Sawyer, Esther Osborne, Mary B. Bradford, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary W. Atwater, Lydia Ann Cartland, Mary A. Hawkes, Hannah B. Tatum, Eliza Hull, Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Howland, Dorcas F. Tucker, Dorcas B. Robinson, Elizabeth Meader, Sarah F. Tobey and Lucy F. Collins.

We appoint Mary E. Breed, Eliza P. Varney, Mary D. Collins, Hannah F. Peckham, Ruth S. Wood, Margaret B. Cates, Lydia Congdon and Eliza Pierce, to prepare a summary from the Answers to the Queries, to present to a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this meeting, to confer on the subject of Clerks, and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met at 4 o'clock.

Mary E. Breed, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey, for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce assistant clerk, which being considered by this meeting, was approved, and they appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Joseph Stanley, William Jenkins, Edith Griffith, Mary Elliott, Abigail B. Kelley and Theodate L. Pope, from Ohio, Hannah L. Fry, of New York Yearly Meeting, Julia Valentine and Sarah F. Smiley, of Baltimore, Ellen M. Nicholson, of North Carolina, Robert W. Douglas and Daniel McPherson, from Indiana, Nathan Elliott, from Western, and Lindley M. Hoag, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, — satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, were presented, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our dear friends, Amos Griffith, accompanying his wife, Edith Griffith, Mary Wood, companion to our friend, Mary Elliot, Phebe Coutant, companion to Abigail B. Kelley, and Catharine Elliott, who accompanies her husband, Nathan Elliott. Satisfactory minutes from their several meetings, expressing unity with them as Elders, and with their present engagement have been read.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our esteemed friend, Ann J. Matthews, companion to our friend, Julia Valentine, Margaret H. White, companion to our friend, Sarah F. Smiley, Isaac Stanley, companion to our friend, Joseph Stanley, Alton Pope, accompanying his wife, Theodate L. Pope, and Hannah C. Johnson, companion to our friend, Hannah L. Fry. Satisfactory minutes were read from their several meetings, expressing unity with them as Ministers, and with their present engagement.

We have also the company of other dear friends from

receptable in Yearly Meetings without certificates which is not acceptable to us.

Elizabeth Beale, Ruth C. Tabor, Rhoda C. Taber, and Ellen P. Watt to unite with the general committee of men Friends in preparing the names of a committee to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, if any should apear for it, to attend the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting.

The Minutes of last year have been read. The London printed Epistle of last year has been read, and ordered to our comfort and edification.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning 8th month 27th. met at 10 o'clock

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read, and accepted and is as follows viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: The Committee in charge of the Boarding School report, that during the Summer Term of 1868, there were in attendance 165 pupils, viz, 102 males and 63 females. In the Autumn half Term, 178, viz 112 males and 66 females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert H. Tabor, Principal; Alfred H. Tabor, Assistant Principal, Rebecca H. Tabor, Principal of the Female Department, John T. Powell, Sarah T. Coffin and Abigail Powell, teachers of English branches; William H. Allen, teacher of French and Modern Languages, Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics and Isaac P. Cotter, teacher of Drawing. Sarah D. Taber and Alice C. Hinn have also been employed as teachers of English branches during a portion of the past year. Under this organization which it will be observed is nearly the same as for several years past, the affairs of the School have been carefully and satisfactorily conducted.

During the forepart of the year the arrangements for religious meetings were the same as last year, but the Committee believing that the pupils were not benefitted by the [illegible]

the school, except during inclement weather, and have allowed them to attend the morning exercises as well as the meeting in the city. The day afternoons and evenings are devoted to the children and young, and the result has, we think, been satisfactory to all concerned.

For some time past the Committee in charge of the School, as well as those more immediately connected therewith, have felt that the present accommodations for pupils are not adequate to promote their health and comfort. Two wants have especially claimed their attention, viz, that of separate dormitories for the girls instead of the present plan of placing them all in two rooms; 2d, a large hall or collecting room to be used, under the direction of the Committee, for religious meetings, lectures, public examinations, meetings of the Alumni and other purposes. The largest room in the present building is quite too limited to meet the wants of the School, not being commodious enough to allow of inviting the parents of pupils to be present at the exercises connected with the graduating class.

Accordingly, with the approbation of the Meeting for Sufferings, the Committee have begun the erection of a three story building 126 feet long, with an average width of 44 feet. The first floor contains a Hall capable of seating 400 persons, and adjoining it is a Library and Reading Room, fitted up with alcoves for the reception of books and cases for minerals and other Natural History collections. This room is connected with the Hall by sliding doors, and when large gatherings are expected two hundred persons can be comfortably seated. The second and third stories are devoted to girls' dormitories. There are 22 rooms, ranging in size from 9 by 15 feet to 15 feet square, fitted for the reception of two girls each. Each room is supplied with a large closet and separate means of ventilation. There are also two Water Closets, heated by steam, in each of the upper stories, and proper conveniences sufficient to be under the roof. In the basement are rooms for the steam heating furnaces, a coal room, a large cistern to be used in case of fire, and a spacious and convenient cellar. In consequence

[illegible] the [illegible] and
[illegible] to the [illegible] of [illegible] rooms,
and the removal of about fifty pupils to the new
building. It is proposed to devote a part of this space on
the south side of the building to increasing the hospital
accommodations for the sick. The present quarters are on
the south side of the house exposed to the noise of the
boys playground and are only suitable to receive
patients slightly indisposed. It is very desirable that
pupils affected with contagious diseases, or seriously ill
from any other cause, should be provided with quiet, well
ventilated and sunny rooms where they can receive
careful attention from nurses specially devoted to them.
It is proposed to divide off another portion of the present
sick apartments for the girls corresponding with
those in the new building, and to appropriate the
remaining space to increasing the somewhat limited
sleeping accommodations of the boys, and to other
purposes. It is expected that the building will be ready
to be occupied at the opening of the year 1868.

The whole cost, including furnishing, grading grounds,
[illegible] the required changes in the present building,
and all other necessary expenses will be about $12,500.
Though the efforts of the Alumni Association upwards
of $2,000 have been very generously contributed by the
friends of the School for the erection of this building.
There is also on hand a balance to the credit of the
School of about $1,000. It will therefore be necessary to
incur a debt of about $13,500 in order to carry out the
proposed plans. The financial condition of the school
is such as to warrant the belief that the debt can be
liquidated in a few years.

In the report of the Auditing Committee it appears
that the income of the School during the present year
ending 30th inst. will exceed the current
expenditure by about $3,000.

The charges for the ensuing year of forty weeks
for boys should be as follows: one half payable at the
commencement of the school, and one half at the
opening after the recess, viz:

[illegible] the following friends to unite with a committee of three, meeting to-morrow afternoon to constitute a committee to take charge of the school the ensuing year. [illegible] Hallock, Thomas Hicks, Elizabeth H. Tatt, Esther [illegible] Deborah [illegible], Sarah [illegible], Rachel [illegible], Abigail H. Hicks, Elizabeth [illegible], Hannah [illegible], Rachel [illegible], Abigail H. Hicks, Elizabeth [illegible], Hannah [illegible] Hicks, Elizabeth [illegible], Mary [illegible] Hicks, Mary [illegible], Hannah [illegible], Rebecca [illegible] Hicks, Rebecca [illegible] Clifford

The meeting proceeded to attend, as usual, to the consideration of the state of society, by commencing the reading of the queries and answers, and proceeded therein to the [illegible] query.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock.

Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and a summary prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose. The [illegible] of the attendance of our religious profession as entered in the answers from nearly all our meetings, were [illegible] numbered and [illegible], and [illegible] have been entered into a close self examination, and we [illegible] are [illegible] to the deficiencies there set forth.

[illegible] to revise the [illegible] for the purpose of printing, after [illegible] [illegible] from the meeting to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

in blessing on the head, and instructed with his

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Freeborn, Ann K. Colton, and Gulielma W. Howland,
the freed people of color, presented the following report, viz:

coming year was well begun. The co... tee have during the past year, as heretofore, had the hi... co-operation of the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau [illegible] permanency and assistance which has rendered all their efforts more effective.

The [illegible] which had been so satisfactorily carried on by Gen. [illegible] Harrison, at the case of the committee, has been sold to him, together with the stock on hand, and he still continues to [illegible] to the people the best supply and most convenient place that he is giving many useful lessons in politeness as well as morality.

The [illegible] in Jonesboro [illegible] in the town, [illegible] new built. There are still two vacant lots on which it is desirable to erect houses as they are much needed; but as the expense of building is so great at the present time, it has not been deemed advisable to proceed.

The schools were opened about the first of Sept., and in a very few days were filled to their utmost capacity the teachers being obliged to refuse [illegible] for admission. The white [illegible] school, under the charge of Eleanor A. Hussey as principal, and Sarah J. Carey as assistant, has numbered during the year 63 different pupils, average attendance 54. This school was closed at its close 88. One half day in each week has been kept in declining the girls to sew and most of them can now sew very neatly. A society was formed in this school called the "Juvenile Temperance Society," and 93 pledged themselves to abstain from all intoxicating drinks and tobacco.

The Primary School, under charge of Fanny E. Hines as Principal, and Mary E. Gove as Assistant, has numbered [illegible] The average [illegible] has been [illegible] but it has been larger than in the white school. Since the last report, the [illegible] of Hannah Ellis and Mary E. Gove. Both of the little girls have been taught to sew. The afternoon in each week has been devoted to that object.

time by Rebecca S.

and a few kind words.

(See Treasurer's report for the financial statement.)

Richard and Abby S. Battey have endeavored to

Fifth day afternoon, 6th month, 20th. — Met at 4 o'clock.

The following report of the [illegible] Committee was read and accepted, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education report, that they have endeavored to give attention to the several subjects under their care. Through the [illegible] the Committee have not received any individual notice of the appointment of Committees to visit Quarterly Meetings, but have endeavored to perform the duties which appear to belong to the station. By reference to the statistical tables of the Yearly Meeting it appears that there has been an increase in the attendance of First day Schools of nearly two hundred. Through the activity of the Committee, a conference on the subject of Education was held in the [illegible] which proved to be an interesting and instructive occasion. We desire to call the attention of parents to the fact revealed by the returns of the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, that there are many children who do not attend any school, and we earnestly entreat that those who have the care of such children will endeavor to remove the cause of this neglect, and we would also remind all parents and guardians of the duty of [illegible] for the instruction of the children [illegible]

On behalf of the Committee,

[illegible], Clerk.

Essays of Epistles to Dublin, New York, [illegible],
[illegible], and Carolina and Friends [illegible]
and others, which being read and [illegible]
the same is [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] to these matters related.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Mary [illegible]
[illegible] for her [illegible] attendance at this meeting. Her [illegible]
[illegible]

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

and bad travelling, and usually by the most
of our members, yet there seems to be a want of
observed. Most kinds are preserved from ducking.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity are in good measure

Ans. 7th. We think friends are careful to maintain
a few instances of contributing to paid ministry
friends to observe the several requisitions of this query.
regard to certificates, where care has been extended.
spirit of meekness and wisdom, yet not always
without delay. We believe judgment is placed.

[illegible]

[illegible] and Yearly Meeting of the [illegible] to be held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournment from the [illegible] of the same, inclusive, viz.

To London Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Letters [illegible] to the [illegible] to know, and be exercised to feel and bear [illegible] under a belief that it is not confined to the limits of our own borders, but extends to all in [illegible] to call upon the name of the Lord; and we believe the practice early introduced of [illegible] communion between the distant branches still tends, if rightly maintained, to the strength and edification of the whole.

We gratefully acknowledge at this time the encouragement which your Epistle of the present year, and those received from other Yearly Meetings have afforded us; many of the subjects treated in them claiming the deep attention of this meeting, exciting much consideration and frequent reference.

We consider our testimony against all outward wars, and the preparations for them, as a precious part of the gospel dispensation committed to us, and we desire to maintain it in the meekness and firmness of the Lamb of God, regarding it as the only foundation upon which our faithful endeavours can be raised which will prove to the real blessing and preservation of the people. [illegible] and we believe that [illegible] to the [illegible] and [illegible] to the [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] to

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and neglected as they have been, the likeness for God has nevertheless been placed in their hearts, and they

[illegible] gladly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

light so shine before men, that they may see your

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

daily and hourly communion with Him. And having
[illegible]
[illegible]

We have at this time been cheered by the company
of [illegible] dear young friends we have
[illegible] that there may feel the love
[illegible] that their prayers may be united,
that the weight of their exercise may be felt and the
[illegible] too weak & too young to serve the good Shepherd
who gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them
in his bosom.

Our yearly Meeting is now [illegible] we have
been favored [illegible] Many
[illegible] Yearly
Meetings.

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed in behalf & on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Sisters.

[illegible] and [illegible] we [illegible]
[illegible] of your [illegible] Epistle, [illegible]
to address you and acknowledge the receipt of your
acceptable Epistle of last year.

[illegible] the consideration of our frailty - the
[illegible] to [illegible]
All flesh is grass and all the goodliness thereof is as the
flower of the field" but in the durability of that one
which shall stand forever, the Divine [illegible]

May the tribulated Children of our Heavenly Father
be encouraged to put their whole trust in Him remembering
that it was said concerning Zion - "For the mountains
shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness
shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant
of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy

o others. Encourage to take of the richness of all the privileges included in the covenant of life and of these we may testify of the blessedness of following and doing the Lord's will, being also to say, "Lord, to whom else can we go, thou hast the words of eternal life."

To those that know Jesus precious, His love is unchangeable. His covenant seal is of eternal duration. He hath said "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away."

In the office of a comforter He seeks tenderly to administer the sweet and the cheering cordial as formerly. "O thou of little faith wherefore didst thou doubt?"

Believing then, dear Friends, that He hath power to save to the uttermost let us in humble and living faith, with childlike obedience look to Him for direction in all things.

In our annual gathering, so large and with such manifestness we may acknowledge that the covering of the Lord's spirit has been mercifully spread over us during its several sittings.

The company of dear friends from your and from other yearly meetings, has been strengthening to us. Much affectionate counsel hath been imparted, tending to encourage to greater faithfulness and dedication of heart in search of the testimonies of truth. The reading of the memorials of those who have been wont to meet with us, and who have been in life, and triumphed in the hour of death, bear testimony to the power and virtue of Divine Grace in the depths solemnized our feelings, together with the remembrance of dear brethren of your yearly meeting, who, though dead, yet speak, and the inviting language, Come follow me, as we followed Christ.

Beloved youth have been affectionately exhorted to make choice of that living Saviour who said "Come unto me, take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Dear children, I say to you, come with us and with me, make a full surrender of all that they

[illegible] that they have [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and thus become prepared
[illegible] the blessed inheritance of Saints.

May the God and Father of all our race [illegible]
and sanctify His people making us all fit for our
inheritance among the just.

In the love and fellowship of the Gospel we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

In again assembled in this our annual meeting, we would gratefully acknowledge the precious covering of solemnity, that for sometime to a sitting has mercifully pervaded our large assemblies, by which we trust many have been permitted to partake of and take courage. We have been favored with the ministry of living servants of the Lord, by which the precious truths of the Gospel have been fully opened and enforced.

The youth have been tenderly invited to yield their hearts a whole hearted offering, and the blessed truth that "Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace" has been sweetly unfolded. That by divine grace we are enabled to yield our hearts unreservedly to the Saviour, how precious the reward. What is all the beauty, the glory of earth in comparison with it.

The state of society as expressed in the answers to the queries has called forth, several times, our friends, and we have been exhorted in reference to our meetings not to be satisfied with being free ourselves, regularly, and even reverently, but to invite others to come, to extend to the many around us the kindness which is in our cares, the language of tender encouragement to the young and the [illegible] to visit the wanderer, and the outcast, and encourage all to

partake of the sacrament so kindly provided by our Father in Heaven.

The duty and comfort of retirement, of silent waiting upon the Lord, has been taught us, while it has also been shown that, in the pressure of business, the calm strength of the soul may be favored to flow, even in the midst.

In this prayerful state should we not be preserved from all tendency to speak evil of another, even of those who have injured us, but rather the injunction of our blessed Lord may be sensibly felt, to pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you.

To acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable epistle, and our hearts expand to the desire therein contained that we may all do what is required of us by the Head of the people of color, and may be enabled by his enabling power, has been pleasing to many. The love of the Saviour to dear Peyton Peyton seems dawning, solemn, after a long night of suffering, you may be enabled to praise Him whose mercy endureth forever.

Tell the salutation of love to your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Dear Sisters.

Your acceptable epistle of the 10th month last, with those from all the other Yearly Meetings with whom we correspond, has been received, and we think at this time, as the meeting is postponed to a future day, and committees

We thought it precious that harmony, evidently prevailed, the children of our Heavenly Father all speak the same language, and the fruits of the Spirit are manifest, and in unison with the Rock of Ages, we could say, that the Lord is

of time, beat in vain.

[illegible] though the cross may at times seem heavy, and the [illegible] to reveal, our little barks will be able to outride them all in safety, reach the port, and find peace. In that beautiful, [illegible] prayer, we are called to adore the holiness of God over [illegible] all things, and by our lives and conversations, hold forth the inviting language "Come follow us as we follow Christ."

Dear young sisters, we would most affectionately encourage you to [illegible] attentively to the teachings of the Spirit of truth. Suffer not the fear of evil things to enfeeble your hearts, that they will be overcome by the [illegible] power, but let your walk in the light while you have it, that you may become the children of the light and of the day. If any of you should be [illegible] to reject the offers of the blessed Saviour, [illegible] united with the light from heaven, and oh, how great will be the darkness, how [illegible] will fall upon them, while you are gathered into the fold of God, and the [illegible] are opened to receive you. Then will be realized the fulfilment of the promise, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Then will be realized the fulfilment of the promise, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Then will be realized the fulfilment of the promise, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

We desire your encouragement, dear sisters, and that you [illegible] be strengthened by the mighty God of Jacob, in [illegible] and lift up the [illegible] and [illegible] that [illegible] may [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your hope [illegible] is [illegible] that in due season you will reap if you faint not.

Remember that [illegible] is the care of the unslumbering Shepherd. "Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade, upon thy right hand."

Our meeting is unusually large, and we have the [illegible] of many dear [illegible] from other [illegible], who [illegible] have been [illegible], and together we [illegible].

[illegible] are presented by the [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] with all your hearts. [illegible]
with God bless you and keep them from all [illegible]
I will write farewell. Be of good comfort
be perfect be of one mind live in peace and the God of love and
peace shall be with you

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Hester Tenby Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Through the kindness of our Heavenly Father
we have been permitted again to meet in our
Yearly Meeting capacity and are felt united with
you dear ones everywhere of His love and power spread
over us in these our meetings together. And it is with
grateful hearts for these unmerited favors that we
desire to address you and to acknowledge the receipt of
your excellent epistle of the 5th month last together
with those from other Yearly Meetings, from which we
received much comfort and instruction, and we were
brought nearer to each other and to the source
of our true strength and life and felt more united
than ever in the bonds of Christian love and fellowship.
Our Yearly Meeting was remarkably
large this time, and we were favored with the
company of many dear Friends from other Yearly
Meetings of whose [illegible] have been truly refreshing
to us to behold. Many [illegible] have removed, I thankfully
trust, further into the Heavenly Canaan during the year of
this our exchange to endure. The dear youth have been
tenderly entreated to take the yoke of Christ upon
them that they may become established staffs in
the Master's house and our fervent desire for them
is that they may not only say that they have no
[illegible] but in the power of that life which
[illegible] to take it up and bear it cheerfully and
[illegible] nothing of the weight to be borne
unto Him who requires it of them and to the crown that He
will give unto all those who lay it down.

[illegible] attendance of absent members, we feel [illegible]
[illegible] to be [illegible] duty upon us, and encouraged
[illegible] to let things of a temporal nature prevent our
[illegible] assembling together all in love and object fully believing
that if we are gathered to meet in His name, we shall
realize the blessed promise fulfilled to the two or three in
[illegible] Our brethren have been tenderly entreated
to favor us with a visit, that dear friends remembered
us at our [illegible] meeting with a view to our being gathering
[illegible] daily to read a portion of Scripture, believing such
[illegible] of a gentle flow might be abundantly
blessed to them. And let us dear sisters be watchful
[illegible] prayerful for ourselves. This can be done when
[illegible] are engaged in our [illegible] vocations,
remembering that

[illegible]

[illegible] we notice with satisfaction the work you are doing
in the promotion of first day schools, and believe it
will be a blessing to our beloved society, and we rejoice
in the interest you are taking for the relief of the
suffering freedmen, and feel it a privilege to do
something for their elevation.

Finally dear sisters farewell. We commend you to
God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to
build you up, and to give you an inheritance among
all them which are sanctified."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] we are drawn to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] the last, believing
that the [illegible] of [illegible] interested in those

[illegible] belong to the [illegible] and [illegible] of the soul is of great moment. To me deeply feel that we need all the care that a loving Father has provided for His children to help us on in our heavenward journey, - to enable us to fight the good fight of faith, that we may lay hold on eternal life. It is for this we labor and watch, - that we may give an evidence of our adoption into the family of Christ, that abiding in Him, living in the light and love, we may thereby provoke His cause, and be led to behold the blessed fruits of His spirit, His love earnestly desired, and the wonderful convicting power of the Holy Spirit, we cannot but be made thankful in this for it is assigned that we may grow to know the sanctifying power, so that we may experience a deepening in the work of life as well as in the outspreading of the branches. That we continue to be a power in the earth, bringing reformation to be wrought in the church and in the world, by ever keeping to the beautiful order of the Gospel standard, working for Jesus whose His blessed spirit leadeth, yet ever preserving the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. We should have been led to consecrate ourselves to the service of life to the Lord to come with the power of the Heavenly Light and peace in order to rejoice in the hope that not a few of the rising portion of our children may be prepared to adorn the doctrine of God, by a life of unreserved dedication to Him.

We have received a letter from Sister [illegible] of [illegible] Conference, [illegible] with the hope that she could have found Sister [illegible] already come. A letter has been received in the case of the brethren and the teaching of doctrines of the Holy Scriptures. Prayer for [illegible] be found doing our part in the [illegible] field of service that [illegible] to each of us, "the night cometh when no man can work." Much sympathy has been expressed for the mother in the [illegible] of her [illegible] duties, and we have [illegible] to help

and faith in fruition."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Friends.

It is with feelings of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that we the Representatives of the Yearly Meeting of the Women Friends, and great age, for the fellowship and union, which all the living members experience through the Lamb's Light and Truth, and we feel to be engaged to encourage the knowledge that we are not to make the fulfilment of God's commandments the standard of Religion, but to keep the Spirit of the Lord before us, that we may be preserved from the snares that are spread for our feet in the path of life, and that we may be kept in the humble, watchful state, in which the Lord can be with us, and we can be with him. That the church is coming forward in her beauty and strength, to bear with the inhabitants of the earth, may be peace, that the knowledge of the Lord may fill the whole earth, and all will be gathered in the blessing of God, as the waters cover the earth as the waters do the sea."

Dear Friends we are to encourage both ourselves and you to be diligent in the attendance of our meetings for Divine Worship, and to be careful that we do not neglect the opportunity of meeting together, when it is in our power to be present, and that we may be preserved from the spirit of the world, which is ever ready to draw us away from the true worship of God, and from the enjoyment of the sweet influence of the Holy Spirit, which is the only qualification for the right performance of this solemn duty.

establishment of the gospel ministry, and many the various callings be connected with the [illegible] Lord and give unto [illegible] that [illegible] and that [illegible] [illegible] Church being [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] is especially [illegible] at this time being favored with the company of many dear friends from the [illegible] exchange and instrumentality in seeking the bread of life amongst us, during the [illegible] [illegible] of the Spirit and love, wherein we can [illegible] the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for the evidence of paternal care and such supply of spiritual food.

[illegible] been called to forsake the world for the sake of Christ their Redeemer [illegible] the engagements thereof or nothing compared with the riches of that salvation which is purchased for us by the shedding of His precious blood.

Brethren are encouraged to a more prayerful dependence on the Divine help, the object is to bring their dear children, in faith upon them the inheritance of family devotion and train the little children and [illegible] the writings on the door, lifting up the hands and voice in prayer, asking forgiveness and help from the Lord Jesus Christ for pardon and life and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] been exhorted to take the dear young [illegible] of the household to meetings for worship, such instruction will draw their hearts to our meetings and also their Redeemer.

[illegible] meeting of Sufferings the request is made with the friends upon whom such care devolves to [illegible] with their fellow servants if they think any be sought out and dealt with by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Feeling desire for your encouragement in the Cause of Christ we [illegible] your Godspeed.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah S. Toby Clerk

Minutes

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First Day the 14th. and at Newport for discipline, on Second Day morning the 15th. of Sixth Month, 1868.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:—

Rhode Island — Elizabeth Meader, Huldah M. Beede, Cynthia Bowen, Ruth B. Gifford, Sarah Slade, Mary D. Collins, Mary A. Smith, Ruth Ann Collins, Gertrude W. Cartland, Susan Hathaway, Gulielma Freeborn, and Cynthia J. Earle.

Salem — Mary E. Breed, Beulah W. Rogers, Abby N. Huntington, Hannah B. Sawyer, Elizabeth B. Wood, Lydia B. Gove, Jane Nichols, Maria Chase, Mercy S. Milliken, Ruth J. Challis, and Mahala G. Jones.

Sandwich — Susan Howland, Ruth H. Baker, Phebe R. Gifford, Huldah Gifford, Rebecca A. Gifford, Phebe Slade, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth S. Wood, and Mercy K. Wing.

Falmouth — Phebe Winslow, Jane C. Minott, Sarah B. Jones, Esther Jones, Emma C. Milliken, Lydia B. Hawkes, and Mary Cartland.

Smithfield — Lydia B. Dow, Ann K. Colton, Jane F. Wheeler, Abby S. Battey, Roanna W. Grover, and Abigail Wheeler.

Nasalboro — Rachel B. Nichols, Ann E. Sang, Elizabeth S. Frye, Lydia P. Frye, Jane E. Jones, Hannah S. Philbrook, Mary C. Jones, Sarah N. Jenkins, Elizabeth B. Evans, Peace Jones, and Sarah T. Crosman.

Dover— Lois J. Greene, Hannah Morrill, Martha E. Pratt, Anna M. Evans, Lucinda Pinkham, Hannah W. Meader, and Hannah F. Roberts.
Fairfield— Eunice Winslow, Phebe P. Jones, Sarah B. Gifford, Sarah W Winslow, and Mary J. Page.
Whose names being called, they were all present except seven, for the absence of whom, satisfactory reasons were assigned.

By reports from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Rhode Island has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peter H. Collins to the station of Elder. Timothy C. Collins, a minister and member of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th. month 5th, 1867, aged 68 years, and 4 months. Joanna Peck, a member and Elder of Greenwich Monthly Meeting deceased, 15th. of 10th. month 1867, aged 81 years 6 months and 16 days. Moses H. Beede, a minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, deceased 19th. of 6th. month, 1867, aged 72 years, 1 month and 6 days. Samuel Boyd Tobey also a minister and member of that meeting deceased 23d. of 6th. month 1867, aged 61 years, 7 months and 11 days. Joseph Metcalf, an Elder and member of the same meeting deceased 27th. of 12th. month, 1867, aged 84 years and 2 mont

Salem informs that they have united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mercy S. Milliken.

Avis Keene, a minister and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, deceased 13th. of 10th. month, 1867, aged nearly 87 years.

Sandwich reports that Hannah Slade, a minister and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th mon 1st. 1867, aged 79 years, 8 months and 2 days. Barbara Gifford, an Elder and member of Westport Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th. month, 6th, 1867, aged 84 years, 10 months and 24 days

Falmouth informs, that they have united with Sandwich in the appointment of Eunice D. Cartland to the station of Elder. Jesse Grosman, an Elder and member of Durham Monthly Meeting, died 7th month 31st. 1867, aged 82 years. Henry M. Minott, an

Elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting deceased 1st. month 7th, 1868, aged 64 years.

Smithfield reports that Elijah Harkness, an Elder and member of Ryebridge Monthly Meeting, died 11th, month 13th, 1865, aged 88 years, and 2 months. Catharine Comstock, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 6th, month 20th, 1867, aged 73 years. Lucy F. Collins, a minister and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting died 3d. month 21st, 1868, aged 58 years, 1 month and 19 days.

Vassalboro informs that they have appointed James Pope and Emily E. Dudley to the station of Elder. Hannah Jones, an Elder, and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 17th, of 3d. month, 1868, aged 85 years. John Moulton, an Elder and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, died the 27th, of 11th, month 1867 aged 63 years.

Dover informs, that they have united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Anna Maria Evans. It also unites with Berwick Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Lucinda Pinkham.

Fairfield informs that Reuben Jones, a minister and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 17th. of 2d, month 1868, in the 81st, year of his age. And that Mary Coffin, an Elder and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased 28th. of 8th. month, 1867, aged 69 years and 1 month.

Interesting Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Indianna, Baltimore, Western, Iowa, and Canada have been received and read. These tokens of sisterly regard, have been truly grateful to us, and we appoint the following Friends, as way may open for it, to prepare essays of reply, and present to a future sitting of this meeting, viz:— Gertrude W. Cartland, Phebe R. Gifford, Rachel B. Nichols, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth Meader, Mercy R. Wing, Rhoda H. Taber, Elizabeth C. Wing, Fanny S. Pinkham, Guilelma Howland, Ann E. Lang, Emeline Myers, Sarah B. Day, Mary A. Smith, Cynthia Bowen, Abby C. Beede, Susan L. Meader, Ruth B. Gifford, Susan Taber,

Dorcas F. Tucker, Rebecca B. Grinnell, Maria Chase, Mary B. Bradford, Lucinda Pinkham, Ann Maria Coffin, Elizabeth H. Valentine, Rebecca H. Smiley, Eliza Hull, Peace Jones, Louise Hoag, Mary B. Jones, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Lydia B. Dow, Anna M. Evans, and Deborah W. Brosman

We appoint our friends, Dorcas F. Tucker, Lydia Bogdon, Mary E. Breed, Julielma Freeborn, Margaret B. Bates, Anna M. Hussey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Abigail Wheeler, and Mary A. Smith, to prepare a summary from the Answers to the Queries, received from our Quarterly Meetings, and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this meeting to confer on the subject of Clerks, and report this afternoon.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — met at 4 o'clock.

Our dear friend, Sarah F. Tobey, who has for several years past, very acceptably and faithfully served this meeting as Clerk, not being present at this time, Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the Representatives, reported, that they were united in proposing Eliza B. Boyce for Clerk, and Gertrude W. Cartland, Assistant Clerk, which being considered by this meeting was approved, and they appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends William Henry Chase and Lydia Green from New York Yearly Meeting, Edward C. Young from Ohio, John Henry Douglas and Harriet Steere from Indianna, and William Wetherald from Canada, who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Daniel Mc. Pherson from Indianna, who was present at our last Yearly Meeting, and his certificate received at that time, has again been presented and read.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our dear friends Francis T. King from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Elizabeth C. Underhill, companion to our friend Lydia Greene; Joseph W. Jay, companion to our friend Edward C. Young; and Lydia Mary Mc. Pherson, who accompanies her husband Daniel Mc. Pherson

Satisfactory minutes from their several meetings, expressing unity with them in their present engagement, have been read.

We have also the company of other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, which is truly acceptable to us.

The minutes of last year were read.

The London printed Epistle of last year has been read to our comfort and encouragement. As a concise and impressive embodiment of our Christian duties and priveleges, we would recommend it to the serious perusal of all our members. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches."

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third Day morning, Sixth Month 16th,— met at 10 o'clock.

The report of the Boarding School committee has been read and accepted, and is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee in charge of the Boarding School, report, that during the Autumn Term, there were in attendance 172 pupils, viz:— 101 males and 71 females. In the Spring Term 150 pupils, viz:— 97 males and 53 females.

The officers ~~officers~~ of the Institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Alice R. Wing & Sarah A. Taber Teachers of English Branches; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and George W. Wiggin, Teacher of Mathematics. Mary A. Cornell and Sarah F. Coffin have been employed as Teachers of English Branches during the Autumn and Spring Terms respectively; and Sarah A. Taber, in addition to her other duties, has had charge of the Drawing Classes. Under this organization the interests of the Institution have in every respect received careful attention, and the progress of the pupils in their studies has been satisfactory.

During the past year the pupils have attended the meetings held in the City on First Day morning and in the middle of the week, except that occasionally, during inclement weather, meetings have been held on First Day morning at the School; which have been attended by one or more members of the committee. On First Day afternoons and evenings, portions of time have been regularly devoted to Bible instruction,

and the reading of such selections as were thought calculated to fasten upon the susceptible minds of the pupils impressions that might tend to their future benefit.

The daily practise of reading portions of the Holy Scriptures at the breakfast table, and before retiring for the night, is still continued.

The health of the School has been remarkably good during the past year, and we have gratefully to acknowledge the continued kindness of our Heavenly Father for this blessing.

The report of the Auditing Committee shows that the income of the School during the year ending 6th, month 24th, 1868, will exceed the current expenditures by about five thousand, three hundred dollars, which has been appropriated to reduce the debt of the Institution.

Alumni Hall, which was in process of erection at the time of our last report, has been completed, and was, with the girls lodging rooms, thrown open to the use of the pupils at the commencement of the Spring Term.

The whole cost of the building, including furnishing, grading grounds, and other expenses connected with its erection is $43,202.44

There was contributed by the Alumni Association - - - - $10,870.24

Net profits of the School during the past four years appropiated to this object $17,149.42

$28,019.66

Leaving the amount of indebtedness of the school at the close of the present Term $15,182.78

The anticipated benefits resulting from the erection of the Alumni Building have been more than realized.

The superior accommodations furnished the girls have added largely to their comfort and produced a decided improvement in their general health, especially diminishing the number of colds.

The charges for board and tuition for the ensuing year of forty weeks, we propose should be as follows; one half payable at the commencement of the school, and one half at the opening after recess, viz:-

For members of our Yearly Meeting $150.00

For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such, $190.00

For all others that may be admitted $300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars is made for one year's instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German or Drawing.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. It is very desirable that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as posible, as, in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made, primarily, to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Applications for admission should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 14th. of Seventh month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others up to that date, after which, applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Applications should be made to the Principal. Address Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Committee were induced, in order to meet some urgent cases, to anticipate the income from the charitable Fund, consequently there will be no available means from that source, the ensuing year, and it is expected that the United States legacy tax will absorb the ensuing years income from the Metcalf donation.

In conclusion the Committee feel assured, that the literary standing of the school has been well maintained — its discipline carefully administered, and its finances prudently and efficiently managed. They would therefore commend it to the confidence of Friends, trusting that with the blessing of our Holy Head upon the religious engagement of its founders, and the concern of the Church to promote the religious and literary education of the young people under our care, that this Institution will continue to be instrumental for good to our religious society.

On behalf of the Committee

Providence 6 month 2. 1868 — Wm. G. Taber, Clerk.

The School year begins 9th. mo. 2d. 1868 — Recess of two weeks begins 1st. month 20th. 1869. — Second half year begins 2d. month 3d. 1869.

And we appoint the following friends, to unite with a similar committee of the Men's Meeting to propose to a future sitting of this meeting the names of friends to constitute a School Committee. viz:— Mary A. Smith, Dorcas B. Robinson, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann Maria Coffin, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Phebe R. Gifford, Jane C. Minott, Eunice J. Rich, Abby S. Battey, Ann B. Earle, Ann E. Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Abigail C. Beede, Martha E. Pratt, Sarah T. Sampson, and Fanny S. Pinkham.

Under, as we trust, a sense of the importance of the engagement, the consideration of the state of society was entered upon, by reading the Queries and Answers from the several Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary, prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose, and proceeded therein to the second, inclusive.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining queries and answers were read.

The deficiences thus brought to view have introduced many minds into serious thoughtfulness, and elicited much earnest and impressive counsel. We have been reminded that we all have a testimony to bear for our Lord, a public standard to uphold for truth and righteousness. If we know an abiding with Jesus, asking and receiving from him daily supplies of strength and guidance, love for Him and for each other filling our hearts we shall rejoice to worship together in His name, and be able to say, I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord.

Would it not be profitable for us to consider how far we are individually accountable for our small and lifeless Meetings.

Are we living so near the source of light and life as to become instrumental in gathering others unto Jesus? Does not our experience teach us that in proportion to our consecration to Christ, and our renunciation of the world, comes the desire to be found often at His feet, listening to His holy teachings in the solitude of the closet, and the assemblies of the people? But if our hearts are occupied with other guests, and communion with the dear Redeemer is not sought and enjoyed, if we are not engaged to confess Him among men, and by word and example lead others to His fold, we have no promise, no ground of hope, that He will confess us before our Father in Heaven, and

admit us to the joy of His eternal presence.

If the love of Christ rule in each of our hearts, there cannot be a deficiency of love in the church; we shall be found watching over one another for good, and in the prudence and humility which Christian love inspires, we shall be able to admonish one another and thus become each others' helpers in the Lord.

Our ancient and unvarying testimony in regard to simplicity of apparel, speech, and manner of living, and that non-conformity to the world which our blessed Saviour enjoined upon his disciples, and confirmed and encouraged by his example, we desire to keep in view, and believe it incumbent upon parents, and all those to whom the education of our youth is entrusted, to give them careful instruction in these respects; teaching them that the time and means which our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon us for high and holy purposes cannot rightly or innocently be employed in frivolous reading or associations.

Much sympathy has been expressed for parents, especially for mothers, in the discharge of their weighty duties, and they have been encouraged to a "closer walk with God", pleading for divine assistance in the training of their children, that they may be able to sow the good seed according to the teachings of heavenly wisdom. The fervent effectual prayer of the pious mother or sister availeth much, in restraining the wayward steps of an erring son or brother.

We have had precious evidence at this time, that among the dear young friends in attendance of this meeting there are many who, drawn by the Saviour's love, have entered into holy covenant with Him, and in whose hearts the earnest question often arises "Lord what will Thou have me to do? May these and all who have been favoured to enter upon a Christian life listen attentively to the teachings of the Holy Spirit, which, in the dear Redeemers name, speaketh intelligibly to every sincere and humble soul. And when thus waiting and listening we hear the voice "Go work in my vineyard", He is ready to appoint us each our sphere of labour, and enable us faithfully to exercise our various gifts in our families, in the church, and in the world.

The frequent reading and the prayerful study of the Holy Scriptures have been very feelingly brought before us. Heads of families were earnestly entreated to collect their families daily for this purpose and for silent waiting before the Lord.

We believe that such opportunities would be owned by our blessed Lord and Saviour, and that we should at seasons witness His presence, and be permitted to sit at His table and there to partake of that heavenly bread which can alone nourish up the soul unto everlasting life.

We have had at this time the company of some of the anointed messengers of our great High Priest, who have been favoured to declare with gospel power the way of salvation through a crucified Saviour, and their counsel and advice have been strengthening to us.

This renewed evidence of our Heavenly Father's love has enabled us to lift up our heads in hope and to press forward for the mark of the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth Day,—met at 10 o'clock.-

The Committee appointed to attend the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting, presented the following report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Committee to attend the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting report that the undersigned of their number attended it.

They met at Pickering, Committees from Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indianna, Western and Iowa—forty four in all.

The meeting was opened at the time proposed with a large attendance, and was manifestly owned by the presence and blessing of the Head of the Church.

The Committee rejoice in the renewed assurance, that the establishment of this new branch of our Christian Church will not only tend to the building up of its members in our most holy faith, but as they abide in the vine, be a means in the hands of our Heavenly Father of promoting His kingdom and glory.

James Jones,
Thomas Grover,
Nathan Breed,
Elizabeth Meader,
Mary E. Breed,
Anna G. Wood.

Newport, 6 mo. 15, 1868.

And the attention given to the subject is satisfactory to this meeting.

Interesting and instructive testimonials from Salem Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting; concerning

our late beloved friends, Mary Blouse, and Avis Keene; and from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting respecting our dear friend Timothy G. Collins have been read.

While listening to these memorials of our dear departed friends, who have served their generation, and now by the will of God, have fallen asleep, we have felt that their work on earth is not yet done. The remembrance of their good deeds still lives, their devoted, self denying example, will not soon be forgotten. May we so live that when we are summoned to join those who have passed from time to eternity, and long after our lips may be silent in the grave, the holy influence of our dedicated lives may continue; reviving the language "She being dead yet speaketh.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon,—met at 4 o'clock.

The friends appointed to propose names of Friends to constitute a School Committee, presented the following viz:— which are satifactory to us, and they are appointed to unite with a simular committee of men Friends in the government and direction of our Boarding School, and are directed to report to this meeting next year.

Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Rhoda H. Taber, Mary G. Hawkes, Ann K. Colton, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Sarah T. Sampson, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, Rebecca G. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, Anna T. Dennis, Gulielma W. Rowland, and Phebe R. Gifford.

The committee under appointment on the concern of this meeting for the freed people of color, presented the following report, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting:—

The joint committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color, present their fourth annual report.

Our former valued Superintendents, Richard and Abby S. Battey, feeling that the time had come for them to be released from service at Washington, sent in their resignation, and some of the teachers were also unexpectedly prevented from returning. In the early part of last autumn, a meeting of the committee was called at Boston, and it was with feelings of discouragement that we met, for we

hardly knew where to look for suitable persons to supply their places, and the time was short before it would be necessary to commence the schools for the winter. But, as we believe under the guidance of the good hand of Providence, way was opened before us, and we were so fortunate as to secure the services of our friends John C. and Hannah Gove of Lynn, Mass. as Superintendants, who went to Washington early in the Tenth Month to prepare the Home for the Mission family. Several of the committee followed shortly after with five Teachers, viz: Hannah S. Macomber of New Bedford as Principal, with Elizabeth H. Valentine, of Salem, Mary Ellen Oliver and Mary E. Gove, of Lynn, and Susan H. Pierce of New Bedford, as Assistants.

The committee found some alteration necessary in the arrangement of the School building, in order to secure four rooms sufficiently large to accommodate fifty to seventy five scholars each. This enabled us, not only to grade our schools, but to place them under the same general rules and regulations as the other colored schools of Washington and Georgetown. A. E. Newton the Superintendent of these Schools has manifested much interest in the progress of our concern, frequently visiting our schools and encouraging the Teachers by kind words of sympathy and commendation.

At the opening of the Schools on the 21st. of Tenth Month, one hundred and thirty Scholars were in attendance, and in a few weeks the number increased to two hundred and fifty. We deemed it best to confine our efforts mostly to school instruction. The girls have been taught sewing one afternoon in each week. About the middle of Twelfth Month, it being thought best that Elizabeth H. Valentine should devote her whole time as visiting agent of the Freedmen's Bureau in our District, we secured the services of Mary L. Blake of New Bedford to take her place in the School.

During the coldest weather the attendance of the youngest children was necessarily reduced, and as Spring opened many of the older ones went to service. Still the average attendance for the Term was one hundred and eighty. Most of the scholars were between the ages of six and seventeen years, but few men and women being in attendance.

Hannah S. Macomber reports, "The most advanced pupils can now read and write well, and have sufficient knowledge of Arithmetic to qualify them for the common duties of life, and could they now be removed from their homes of poverty and degradation, and placed in suitable families, they would

make good and respectable men and women; and although much, very much has been accomplished, a great deal remains yet to be done; for this poor degraded people cannot be elevated in a day. The evening school for adults, and those who could not attend the day schools, has been held two evenings in each week with an average attendance of sixty. It is in this school" she continues "that the Teacher finds that eager, earnest thirst for knowledge that makes her forget her weariness and the hour of closing comes quite too soon. We were regularly assisted in this school by Albert T. Shurtleff, a young man from Carver, Mass., who lost his right arm in the late war, and who esteems it a privelege to devote one or two evenings in the week to teaching the Freedmen".

"The First Day school, another interesting feature of our Mission work, which has been discontinued during the Summer, was also reorganized, and placed under the faithful and efficient superintendence of A. K. Brown of the Freedmens Bureau.

We were also assisted by several young men from the City, faithful, earnest workers, who were always present. The number of Teachers was fourteen, and the average attendance of scholars one hundred and sixty.

The officers of the Freedman's Bureau being very desirous that some Friend connected with our Mission should act as visiting agent for that District, Elizabeth H. Valentine was requested to assume that duty, she being considered particularly well qualified for that service. She faithfully and acceptably filled this station until the end of Third Month, when they ceased furnishing supplies. So well satified were the Officers of the Bureau of her faithfulness and careful discrimination, they distributed, through orders issued by her, more than $5000. in fuel, food and clothing.

In her report she says: The extreme severity of the past winter, together with the great lack of employment, produced much suffering among the colored people, which would have been greatly increased but for the supplies furnished by the Bureau. As Spring opened, it was gratifying to find that the able bodied men and women were generally eager in seeking for any work that they were capable of performing, and the men sought for recommendations from the agent, which being presented at the Bureau, might entitle them to be placed upon the list of candidates for employment by government upon roads, etc;

and this method of furnishing recommendations for work to those who were industriously disposed, proved a great help and encouragement to them. She laboured also with the delinquent ones in the neighborhood whose conduct had excluded them from the privelege of attending school, but who listened most ~~attentively~~ respectfully to the advice given. Also to some of the adult pupils of the Evening school, who had been inclined to indulge in the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors; she sought opportunities to offer timely words, not only of reproof but of encouragement, and was happy to see many of them forsaking their evil practises, and giving marked evidence of improvement. Finding that the children of the colored people laboured under great disadvantages in their total want of home education, she invited the mothers to meet together when their duties and responsibilities, as ability was given, were pointed out, and such reading introduced as seemed calculated to make an impression on their minds. She also visited before leaving Washington, twelve different coloured schools, reading to the scholars articles adapted to their situation, and as way opened, talking with them. And in some instances, as afterwards appeared, these lessons had not been in vain. She was also, when other engagements permitted, an efficient labourer with the other Teachers, in the First Day and Evening schools.-

About the middle of Twelfth Month, Sarah E. Wall, who for three winters has given gratuitous service, again resumed her duties at the Mission, and in the beginning of First Month, Margaret P. Valentine joined the Mission family as an assistant to her mother; also giving her service gratuitously until the end of Third Month. Upon M. E. Valentine's arrival, Sarah E. Wall was enabled to devote her attention wholly to the benevolent department of our Mission, and was actively engaged in visiting families and providing for the comforts of the sick. Owing to the generous provision of the Bureau for the relief of destitute colored people of the City, the actual need of aid of this kind from our Mission has been less than in former years, being confined to the sick, to those who needed immediate assistance, and to those who did not properly come within the limits of the provisions of the Bureau.

In her report, Sarah E. Wall says:- "Many of the school children were suffering from the want of shoes, and fifty dollars

worth were given from the Benevolent Fund. During the Winter, extreme cases of destitution of women and children were relieved from the same source. About $50. was given in payment for work. As the Bureau has furnished sewing to all the women who could leave their homes, much less work has been given out at the Mission, and yet enough to clothe and feed many a poor woman."

She also "purchased two hundred yards of cotton cloth and calico, which was given out gratuitously, or in payment for work, and the making up of their cloth into garments, furnished work for those women, who could not leave their homes."

"On New years day," she continues, "the school children received each a present of a handkerchief, a piece of soap, (an essential article here,) and one or two articles of clothing, a pair of stockings or mittens, a comforter or a shirt, and every girl a sleeved apron. Each child received the estimated value of one dollar. The number of articles bestowed was four hundred, valued at $250. Boxes were received from Lynn and New Bedford, containing valuable contributions in clothing for these gifts, and the deficiency was supplied from our Benevolent Fund. The whole number of garments given during the winter from this fund was five hundred valued at $350.00

Value of groceries and wood bestowed 84.75

Value of shoes given 125.00

$559.75"

Different members of the Committee have visited the Mission from time to time, during the winter, to their great satisfaction. Several of our number were also present at the public examination of the schools on the 20th. of Fifth Month, and were much gratified with the orderly deportment and close attention of the children, and their marked progress in reading, spelling, arithmetic and geography. They also exhibited some good specimens of writing, and very ready and correct map drawings, all of which gave abundant evidence of the patient labor of our Teachers, and of the intelligence of the pupils.

Those of the Committee who were present at the opening of the schools, and again witnessed this closing examination, felt that the great change wrought in the children was

truly surprising. Some of them had never been at school before, or under any proper restraint, and were wild and untrained; and others, without any home influence for good, had during the long Summer vacation become restless and undisciplined, so that, at first, it was found difficult to control them. But under the gentle discipline of conscientious Teachers (moved to this service, as we believe, by truly philanthropic motives,) they became, by the end of the Term, quiet and watchful of their Teachers wishes.

At the opening of the school, portions of Scripture, carefully learned, were repeated in concert by the pupils, when a short devotional pause ensued, their heads bowed in reverent silence.

The Holy Scriptures have also been daily read in the schools, and in the family circle, and health and harmony have been preserved during the Winter.

The schools closed on the 21st. of Fifth Month, and the Mission Family returned to their homes in the North.

In addition to the operations of our Benevolent Fund, and the gratuitous distribution before stated, the expenses and receipts for the year have been as follows:

Paid for repair of Buildings	$ 75. 54
" Superintendents and Teachers	1544.96
" For Family Expenses	1470.67
	3,091. 17

Receipts.

From Charles F. Coffin, Treasurer	$1.285.19
" Rent of Houses	840.12
For board, including that of George K. Phillips, the store keeper	283.66
From Freedmen's Bureau, principally for travelling expenses of Teachers	99. 21.
Sundry small receipts from various sources	76.42
From sale of store, on account	420.05
" Sale of cow and milk	86.52
	$3.091. 17

Contributions in money from Friends in Providence, were also remitted to Washington, amounting to $135.50, which sum has been expended for books, slates and stationary for the schools, except a balance now on hand of $15. 95.

In view of the success which has attended our efforts, and the blessing which has evidently rested upon them, and in

view also of the fact that the City Government of Washington still refuses to pay the Teachers of any of the colored schools, the Committee have fully considered the propriety and necessity of continuing our school another Term. The funds at our disposal will, we believe, defray the expenses thereof without additional contributions. We are, therefore, united in recommending the continuance of this concern for another year in the hands of a committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

Edward W. Howland,

Ann B. Earle.

which is interesting and satisfactory. The careful attention and labour which the Committee have so freely and faithfully given, we gratefully acknowledge, and hope an unabated concern will continue with Friends, on behalf of such among them as still need our assistance.

The Executive Committee who served last year, are reappointed to act on the part of this meeting in this important engagement, and are requested to report to this meeting next year. They are as follows, viz:-

Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyce, Rebecca L. Grinnell, Sarah T. Sampson, Anna G. Wood, Susan Faber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newall, Mercy Osborn, Margaret B. Bates, and Hannah B. Sawyer.

Essays of Epistles to our sisters of Ohio and Canada Yearly Meetings have been read and approved.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings, of the past year, were laid before us by our men Friends, and a portion of them read. The proceedings of that meeting in relation to the important concerns that have claimed its attention have been interesting to us.

Adjourned to the time our men Friends, may meet tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth Day afternoon, Sixth Month 18th,- met at three o'clock.

The Representatives being called, were all present, who attended the first sitting, except one.

The Committee on Education presented the following Report viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Committee on the subject of Education and Scriptural

Instruction report, that an increasing interest is manifest among us on these important subjects.

The Boarding School at Providence, and also Oak Grove Seminary at Nasalboro continue successful, and afford the means of education under the care of Friends.

By the statistical returns, which are herewith submitted, and other information received from the correspondents in our Monthly Meetings, it appears that religious instruction from the Holy Scriptures in families, Bible Classes, and First Day Schools, is becoming increasingly dear to our members, as well as other means which are largely embraced by many, for the dissemination of religious truth, such as reading meetings, tract associations, and tract distribution, etc.

And we continue to recommend these subjects as of vital importance to the welfare of our Society, and also to urge upon each member of the Church the necessity of increased faithfulness in guarding the religious and literary education of our youth and children, and may those who thus labour have an abiding faith in that power which is able to raise up children unto Abraham.

On behalf of the Committee

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

The number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty one years	906
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools	1
The number of Family Schools	1
The number of Friends children who have attended School the past year	780
The number who have attended school taught by friends or under their control	158
The number of our members engaged in teaching the past year	104
The number obtaining education at Academies and Colleges not under the care of Friends	48
The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends	50
Length of time these have been taught	average 8 months
The number of Scholars attending these Schools	1733
The number of Friends attending these Schools	1018
The number of Teachers engaged in them	213
The number of Bible Classes	45
The number ~~of Friends~~ attending Bible Classes	663
The number of Friends attending Bible Classes	523
The number of members admitted by request during the year ending 5th mo 1st	27

The number of members received by certificate from other Yearly Meetings	10
The number of members removed by certificate to other Yearly Meetings	13
The number of members deceased	91
The number of members disowned	26
The whole number of members belonging to the Yearly Meeting on the 1st. day of 5th. mo 1868	4549

which has been read and accepted, and the Committee who served last year are continued. We desire their encouragement in this interesting work in which they are engaged.

A proposition from men Friends was introduced at this time, for a Committee to be appointed to take into consideration the revision of our discipline, and believing that some change might be usefully made, we appoint Gulielma Freeborn, Cynthia Bowen, Mary E. Breed, Lydia Pope, Ruth H. Baker, Rebecca B. Grinnell, Sarah Jones, Jane C. Minot, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Battey, Ann E. Lang, Peace Jones, Lois J. Greene, Hannah Morrill, Emeline C. Myers, and Fanny S. Pinkham to propose to this meeting the names of Friends to unite with a Committee of the men's meeting, in giving the subject their careful attention. The Committee after conferring together presented the names of the following Friends, viz:-

Women's Committee— Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Bowen, Mary E. Breed, Lydia Pope, Hannah B. Sawyer, Mary Alice Brown, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Rebecca B. Grinnell, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minot, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Jones, Ann B. Earle, Ann K. Colton, Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Lois J. Greene, Mary J. Page, Sarah T. Sampson, Emeline S. Myers, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Lydia Congdon, Gulielma W. Howland, Abby S. Battey, Sarah Osborne, Emily E. Dudley, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Abigail C. Beede, Susan C. Meader, Fanny C. Pinkham, Sophia D. Bailey, Elizabeth C. Wing, Dorcas F. Tucker.

Which are satisfactory to us, and they are accordingly appointed to the service, and are requested to report such changes as they may deem advisable to our next Yearly Meeting.

Essays of Epistles to London, Dublin, New York, North-Carolina, Baltimore, Western, Indianna and Iowa, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is requested to sign

the same, with Moseread at a former sitting, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Harriet Steere, viz:- "Our beloved friend Harriet Steere attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us," and a similar one for our friend Lydia Green.

The Clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for our friend Elizabeth B. Underhill, viz:- "Our beloved friend Elizabeth B. Underhill attended this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us." and a similar one for our friend Lydia Mary Mc. Pherson.

The Clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among our members.-

We came together at this time under feelings of deep solemnity, fully sensible that of ourselves we could do nothing; but we can, with grateful hearts, acknowledge that we have been helped of the Lord, by which we have been enabled to dispose of the various important concerns of the Church in harmony.

To Him be all the praise who alone can keep us from falling.

We now conclude, proposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Eliza B. Boyce Clerk

Summary

Ans. 1st. At our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been attended, except two Monthly Meetings and several small meetings, all of which were omitted on account of inclement weather and sickness.- Those on First Day morning by most of our members. Mid week meetings and those for discipline not so fully attended. The hour is nearly observed. Not wholly preserved from sleeping. Clear of other unbecoming behaviour.

Ans. 2. Love and unity appear to be, in a good degree, maintained, except in a few instances. Detraction guarded against by most friends. Care is taken to end differences.

Ans. 3d. We believe Friends are generally engaged to bring up those under their direction, in the simplicity consistent with our profession, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupting conversation and endeavour to be exemplary herein themselves. But a more earnest engagement is wanting amongst us in these respects. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th. Friends endeavour to be careful in the several parts of this query.

Ans 5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Their children partake of learning. One instance of placing out from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. We trust there is a care with Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. Yet there are several instances of deviation reported in five Quarterly Meetings.

Ans. 7th. We think our testimonies are maintained in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 8th. We believe Friends are careful as to the several parts of this Query.

Ans 9th. Records are attended to, except some omission in one meeting. Some removals without certificates, where care has been extended.

Ans. 10th. We trust care is taken to deal with offenders, and to place judgment, in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

Epistles Issued

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in London.

Dear friends,

The reading of your acceptable epistle of the present year, so recently written, and bringing to us a fresh, warm message of of Gospel love, from our sisters across the sea, has comforted and cheered us, and caused us to rejoice anew in the continuance of this epistolary intercourse, which we feel to be a great blessing, strengthening year by year, the bond which unites us, as sisters beloved in the Church of Christ.

As the state of Society was brought before us, in the answers to the Queries, while our hearts were pained, as often before, in being reminded of the weakness and imperfections still apparent, we were made glad by noticing the increased prevalence of love and unity within our borders. Love one to another is the badge of true discipleship, according to the words of Jesus, "By this shall all men know, that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Without the possession of this precious principle, we cannot flatter ourselves, that our hearts are right in the Divine sight, for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can love God, whom he hath not seen." And again, "Beloved let us love one another, for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love. Oh, that this Divine harmony may so prevail among us, that it may be truly said of this people, as of the early disciples, "Behold, how these Christians love one another."

The Christian duties are beautifully harmonious, if we are careful to assemble with our dear friends, at the appointed seasons for social worship, with our hearts humbled, under a sense of the great love of our Heavenly Father & desiring that our souls may be fed from His bountiful hand, it can hardly be possible, that we can nourish in our hearts, feelings of unkindness towards our fellow worshippers, who have knelt with us spiritually around the table of our Lord— And how can we willingly speak, to the injury of dear ones, for whom, equally with ourselves, Christ

has died. It cannot perhaps be expected, considering the diversity of gifts, and the great variety in the formation of our minds, that we should see eye to eye, but as we cultivate a spirit of condescension, each willing to yield something of even cherished opinion to the general harmony; these very diversities may tend to increased life and interest.

Though we are not permitted to acknowledge the presence of any dear friends from your meeting at this time, we have the acceptable company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings on this Continent, who have faithfully preached to us, "Christ and Him crucified". — We have been reminded that while "Faith without works is dead, being alone", and, they which have believed in God are exhorted to be careful to maintain good works, and the command is yet binding to "Go work in my vineyard", which is the world, yet the believer in Christ, in the depths of humility must acknowledge that, "when we shall have done all those things which are commanded us, we are unprofitable servants; - we have done that which was our duty to do", and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags". We must be made willing to cast away any prop of self dependence on which we may have been leaning for salvation — all trust in any works of our own, according to the words of the Apostle, "After that the kindness and love of God, our Saviour toward man appeared; not by any works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour."

Interesting memorials of dear departed friends, have been read in this meeting, describing their struggles and conflicts, and as they abode in faith and patience, their overcoming, and their peaceful and happy close, inciting us who are left, to struggle yet a little longer, to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, remembering the gracious promise I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Our Committee having charge of the concerns of the Freed People, have given us an interesting report of their labors the past year. Much has been done among them, in regard

both to their intellectual and moral condition, but we feel, that very much still remains to be done, to elevate this deeply wronged and degraded class. We still feel a deep interest in this matter, and have requested our Committee to continue their care for the ensuing year.

And now, dear friends farewell, Peace be to the brethren, and love, with faith from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them, that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. - Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Dublin.

Beloved Sisters,

Your very acceptable Epistle of last year has been read at this time to our refreshment and edification, and we have been thereby encouraged to put our trust renewedly in Him who has declared Himself to be the Head over all things to His Church and people, and that as we are willing to be led and guided by His Spirit He will bring us out of darkness into His marvelous light. He will set our feet upon a rock and establish our goings. Many among us came up to this Annual gathering with trembling hearts. We have passed through deep conflicts since last we met. Through bereavement and sorrow for sin and transgression. We have been brought to bewail our weakness. We have been ready to say "who shall shew us any good". But as we have been engaged to dwell very low before the Lord, - abiding in this valley of humiliation, we have been enabled also, to adopt the language, "Lord lift up the light of thy countenance upon us. Poor and needy and of ourselves destitute of any good thing, the earnest prayer has arisen from chastened spirits, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

While we do earnestly desire for our beloved Society, that it may stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made all His children free, and may not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage, we have also been brought to desire, that we may so wait upon the Lord, for a renewal

of our strength, that we may be kept from harm on every hand, and enabled to journey forward in the way in which our Heavenly Father would have us to go, in harmony and true Christian love and fellowship; remembering that one is our Master even Christ, and all His renewed baptized followers every where are brethren, and that as we are found abiding in Him, we shall be enabled to put shoulder to shoulder in the great work of our day, and labour together in the unity of the spirit which is the bond of peace for the advancement of the Kingdom.

Dear sisters we are weak, but we know in whom we have believed, and that He is able to keep that which is committed to Him, and so we are encouraged to hold on our way in simple faith and reliance on Him. "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength." For the sighing of the poor, and the crying of the needy He will arise. He will set Him in safety from him that puffeth at him"; for it is not His will that one of His little ones should perish. Wait then on the Lord, be of good courage and he shall strengthen your hearts and enable you to withstand all the fiery darts of the enemy, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Our Yearly Meeting is large, several dear friends are with us with certificates from other parts of our land, and their company and gospel labours have been acceptable and edifying to many among us.

In conclusion, we would adopt the language of the Apostle;- "Brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course among us and be glorified.

Unto Him be the honour and praise of His own work.- Amen. Farewell in the Lord.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk-

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To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in New York.

Dear Sisters,

Your acceptable Epistle, with those of other Yearly Meetings have been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement, feeling that very precious is the bond of Christian fellowship, uniting believers closely together in one spirit.

We have at this time a large and interesting meeting overshadowed by the wing of Ancient goodness, whose love and protecting care has caused our hearts to return thanks for the many blessings He has been pleased to pour upon us.

We have been exhorted to individual faithfulness by messengers of the Gospel from other Yearly Meetings, whose labours of love, we trust, will be blest to many hearts.

Many of us have felt this to be a time, when the Lord is pleased abundantly to bless His people, and that a brighter day is dawning upon the Church; yet we see surrounding temptations. For many and varied are the transformations of the enemy of our souls peace.

Let us therefore seek to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against sin, and finally know of being made more than conquerors through Him who hath loved us.

In the trials incident to our pilgrimage journey, let us remember that the Lords arm is not shortened that He cannot save, neither hath His ear grown heavy that He cannot hear; but for the crying of the poor and the sighing of the needy He will arise, saith the Lord. Our holy Redeemer has said, "Blessed are they that mourn now, for they shall be comforted." May our dear young sisters, with you and us, mind the pointings of Truth in its simplicity, not trusting in their own wisdom, but willing to heed the reproofs of instruction from Him who teaches as never man taught. It is the humble that He will teach of His ways, the meek will He guide in judgment.

How comforting is the assurance Jesus gives to His believing children, Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. With the salutation of love we remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Elza B. Boyce Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Baltimore.

Dear Sisters,

We afresh recognize in this epistolary correspondence, the outward bond, which binds us together as different branches of the one family, and through this medium would we lovingly offer the ancient salutation, "peace be unto you," the peace of God which passes all understanding, which shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus. Not merely that peace which speaks of christian harmony and concord, – not merely that which tells of tranquility and rest, – not merely that peace, which gives freedom from perplexing anxieties and inward distresses, but the living peace of trust, the result of reconciliation to God by the blood of Christ. Happy is that people that is in such a case, and what returns should such a people make to the "God of all peace," who will make his children perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in them that which is well pleasing in his sight through Christ Jesus.

Are we resting satisfied with the measure of peace meted out to our own forgiven souls only, forgetting the world lying in wickedness all around us, resting in the quiet assurance to our Zion, "thy God reigneth" forgetting that prefixed to this comforting declaration, is the prophetic language, "how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publishes peace, that bringeth good tidings of good that publisheth salvation."

Dear friends, are we alive to the responsibilities of to day, holding in trust such principles as are embodied in vital quakerism, nothing short of simple apostolic christianity restored, "unchanged by ages of darkness, through which it has come down to us." Are we then the power for good in the world, our God intended the truth should be, as has been said by one of our able writers, that "the old truth, the ever new truth, to which we are heirs, is going right forward to victory, whether we go with it or not."

We are living in an eventful time in the history of the church as well as of the world, centuries after that little band went forth at the bidding of the Saviour himself

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with the commission, aye, the charge, "go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature", nearer and nearer the time prophesied of, when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Let us then be colaborers, with all true followers of the Lord Jesus; - remembering that sects and distinctions are lost sight of in His love; the whole Israel of God working together for the spread of the Redeemers Kingdom the world over, rather than laboring too exclusively for a supply of the needs of our own household of faith.

Salvation, O salvation, the joyful sound proclaim
Till Earth's remotest nation has learned Messiah's name.

Much instructive counsel has been imparted during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting, and the one language of invitation extended to come to Jesus, listening to his sweet words "Abide in me", the only infallible preparation for work for Jesus.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in North Carolina

Dear Sisters,

By the reading of your Epistle received at this time a deep sense of sympathy for you is renewed in our hearts. We rejoice that the same love which binds the Lords adopted children to him, unites them most tenderly to each other. Here indeed is a test of discipleship as the Master has said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one toward another." When this love grows cool, as in sadness, we must acknowledge is sometimes the case, it is surely because our souls communion with the Father is not intimate and vital as it should be.

If we ask not, and therefore receive not daily the sustaining bread of life, we faint: And because of weakness, we can to no purpose, extend the helping hand to trembling, doubting, sorrowing or fallen fellow creatures. Let us then, trustingly ask oftener than the returning morning, for this heavenly Manna, with which, fresh from His all bountiful table, the Lord delights to bless His children

May we all seek for a fuller appreciation of our blessings that we may "rejoice in the Lord always;" - rejoice not alone in His manifest favours, which bring only gladness of heart, but even in His mysterious providences, which, if rightly received, are able to lead us, although through the cloud, finally "out of darkness, into His marvelous light."

If we can attain this rich experience, so that from overflowing hearts we say individually with the Psalmist, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me?" and the full answer arises, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy holy name," shall we not rejoice to bring every faculty into His service, remembering that every act of love rendered to the ~~least~~ one of the least even of His children is a service to Him?

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," is inseperably connected with, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Endowed with gifts varied in character and degree, but all bestowed for active use, let us pray that the Church may become a harmonious whole, whose parts each fitted for a peculiar function, may work unitedly - a mighty power, for the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom

The needs of the Freedmen, still call largely for our sympathy and active labors. May the Lord of the harvest send forth yet more and more laborers into these vast fields.

The cause of scriptural instruction is advancing among us, yet we have been urged by earnest friends from abroad and by some of our own members, more zealously to pursue this important work.

Earnestly desiring that these epistolary communications may, from year to year, shew forth in us and in you a

growth "in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ", we now bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting.
Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Ohio.

Dear Sisters,

We gratefully feel to acknowledge, the loving kindness of the Shepherd of Israel in thus permitting us again to meet in this our Annual Assembly, which in His mercy has been made unto us a solemn feast, while we came up hither with prayerful hearts, because of His providences in our midst. Year by year we deeply feel the vacancies left unto us by the removal of loved, faithful servants, standard bearers, concerned to support the testimonies given us to bear by our Holy Redeemer; and what an earnestness of desire has been begotten in the heart, that all might come up in their proper ranks, drawing nearer and nearer to the only Fountain of wisdom and strength, that there might be ability received to bear the additional responsibility resting upon them from the Great Head of the Church. Thus filling up the places of those who have been called to go up higher and worship before the Throne, and to be forever with the Lord.

The spirit and tone of your sisterly communication was very salutary as also those from other Yearly Meetings renewing afresh in our minds a sense of the value of this Epistolary correspondence as a fruitful source of good in the Church of Christ shewing forth the oneness there is in Him the true and living vine from whom all the different branches of His church receive their life and strength, and under the influence of the one spirit are enabled to comfort - to help one another in their heaven-ward journey.

We have the company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have been in mercy favoured to receive the anointing to enable them to set forth the glad tidings of the Gospel of our blessed Lord, and the efficacy of that blood which cleanseth from all sin, encouraging to more earnestness

in prayer unto Him; And we do gratefully acknowledge that in His mercy we have been permitted to realize that the prayer of the humble contrite soul is heard by Him and receives His blessing. Words of tender invitation and entreaty have been held out to the young of whom there is with us a goodly number gathered, that they may now in the morn of life come to the living Saviour, live for Him.

How many dear hearts of this class, both with you and us, have been tendered by His love. May it be cherished and sought after, as the great aim of life, the one object for which they are living, — to honor His blessed name and advance His cause in the earth.

We feel that Best Help has been afforded in the transactions and deliberations of our meeting.

Finally Dear Sisters, in living faith, trust in the Lord, Jehovah, (in whom there is everlasting strength) who alone can prosper His work in the earth.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Indiana.

Dear Sisters,

In the fresh flowings of gospel love, we are again privileged to address you at this our Annual gathering, sensibly feeling that the Lord presides over this part of His work favouring us with His presence and with His love, and while we have been refreshed and strengthened by the blessings of epistolary correspondence, we have afresh remembered our dear isolated sisters from whom we have received no communication, and we believe the desire has arisen from many hearts, that prayers might unitedly ascend to Him who hath the power, that they might again through Jesus be brought into union with the other branches of the Church militant that we might become one unbroken band of worshipers cemented together by that one spirit which alone emanates from Him who is God over all, blessed be His worthy name forever.

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Dear aged mothers in Israel and those who are bearing the burden of the day have craved with earnest solicitude, that our Father in Heaven might preside as Head over all, and most remarkably has His presence been felt amongst us at this time, reminding us of the truth of His promise, "Ask and ye shall receive", and the voice of thanksgiving and praise has ascended from off the altar of many hearts for the refreshing showers of His love and His mercy.

In referring to the state of Society deficiences were apparent and Friends were encouraged and admonished to enter into more close communion with our Heavenly Father in the home circle, and as this becomes our daily concern, a more lively sense of the importance of the scriptural injunction will be felt, not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. We shall feel the importance of meeting with the two or three who are gathered in the name of Jesus, being made sensible of the need of His strengthening influence, of the Heavenly manna, that must be gathered daily, that we may grow in grace, that as we love the Lord Jesus with all our heart, might, mind and strength, we shall be filled with love to all mankind, preparing us to go forth as willing labourers in His vineyard.

Mothers have been renewedly encouraged to persevere in their efforts in reclaiming the wandering wayward child through the efficacy of fervent, effectual prayer.

And now, dear sisters, may you with us be earnestly engaged in keeping so near the Beloved of souls, that we may know His protecting arm of power to bear us on, and feel His Heavenly guidance, that through unerring wisdom His name and the name of His dear Son may be glorified.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We rejoice at this time in the love of our Heavenly Father, and we feel it is a privelge, once more to address you, in the renewed sense of His presence, whose gathering arm reaches to the very hindmost of the flock, and who would have all to come to Him and find their rest.

Your acceptable Epistle, together with those from other Yearly Meetings, have been read to our comfort and edification, and we have desired that these tokens of sisterly regard, may tend to strengthen our hearts, in every good word and work.

The kingdom of Heaven is likened to a little leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. As it is our concern to keep our hearts open to the leavening influence of the love of Christ, the pride of the natural intellect is laid low, and the surpassing excellence of the wisdom which is from above, and which consists in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and Him crucified comes unceasingly to prevail in our hearts, the duties, the joys, and even the tribulations of life are all sanctified, as a part of the discipline, which is fitting us for usefulness here and for high services hereafter.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and ye cannot tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth, so is every one that is born of God. As the gentle breezes play across the beautious grass of your Western Prairies, so may the blessed influence of the Holy Spirit, control every thought, and the sins that so easily beset, and bend our hearts to the sway of the Sun of Righteousness.

While the state of Society was before us, as exhibited in the answers to the Queries, much concern was expressed for the maintenance of all our testimonies. - The frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, seasons of contemplation, prayer and praise; - the attendance of our meetings as a religious duty, and privelege, elicited an expression of deep concern. - Love to God and man are Divine commands, from the Law delivered on Mount Sinai,

through all the ages, and was declared by the Saviour as that upon which hang all the law and the Prophets. Then Dear Sisters, let us thank God and take courage, let us wash our hands in innocency, and compass His holy altar, and rejoice together in that true communion which is known in feeding, by faith, upon Him, who is the bread of life.

Memorials of dear departed friends, have been read in our meeting, mothers in Israel, whose self denying lives, testify to the efficacy of that faith, which they received in their youth, and whose humble walk with their dear Saviour, even to old age was truly instructive and encouraging and inviting.

The calming influence of the Father of mercies has been felt to be amongst us and abound; to Him be all the praise.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Eliza B. Boyce Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Our minds have been turned towards you in near sympathy, while we have listened to the reading of your interesting and lively Epistle, which we receive as another evidence that the Great Head of the Church is still mindful of us, in thus inclining the minds of His humble believers to greet each other, however widely separated, in that love which is the badge of true discipleship.

Though many of us came up to this our Annual Gathering clothed in deep poverty of spirit, yet we feel bound to acknowledge, that we have been strengthened through the goodness of our Father in Heaven, who maketh His sun to arise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust, in that He has at this time poured out upon us, all undeserving as we are, a rich blessing, both immediately and through the instrumentality of those who having heard and obeyed the call to go forth and publish the glad tidings of salvation, have been prepared to proclaim

the loving kindness of our compassionate Lord, and a hope has been renewed in our minds that although we have fallen very far short of being just what our Good Master would have us to be, yet that He is still waiting to be gracious; and fervent have been the prayers raised to Him, that "He will be favourable to His land, and bring back the captivity of His people". And while we are called to mourn the removal of many dear fathers and mothers, those who have long stood as pillars in the spiritual building, we have desired most earnestly, that there may be those prepared by the Great Head of the Church to fill the places of those, who have ceased from their labors in the Church Militant and we humbly trust are rejoicing in the Church Triumphant, being satisfied, having awakened in the likeness of their Lord.

We rejoice with you in the deep interest manifested by our dear young people, many of whom we believe are under the preparing hand of the Great Master, who is designing them to be as polished stones in His temple. - And may all, dear sisters, both with you and us be made willing to endure the turning and over-turning of the Fathers hand upon us, — be willing to partake of our portion of the sufferings of Christ, if we may thus be prepared to be partakers of His glory.

Our meeting has been large, and many subjects of interest have claimed our attention, and the business has been transacted in much harmony and love.

And now we commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up in the most holy faith, and present you faultless before the throne of His glory, with exceeding joy.

With the salutation of love, we bid you farewell and remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

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To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Under a fresh sense of the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we tenderly salute you, and in the language of the Psalmist say, "Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart". As we have been again favoured to assemble in a Yearly Meeting capacity, we have had abundant cause to acknowledge His goodness and wonderful works to the children of men.

Notwithstanding many of us have presented ourselves before the Lord at this time clothed with sackcloth and our mouths in the dust, because of our sins, yet He has been graciously pleased, to spread for us a feast of fat things, with wines on the lees, well refined, whereby we have been strengthened and enabled to make fresh covenant with Him, that the residue of our days may be dedicated to His work and service, and we be found earnestly labouring in the great harvest field, which is the world, - instrumental in the hand of the great Husbandman of bringing the wanderers into the precious fold of Christ, that they may come, taste and see for themselves that the Lord is good, that those who sow and those who reap may rejoice together.

The reading of your excellent Epistle, as well as those from other Yearly Meetings, was truly refreshing and strengthening to us, and we were made to feel, that these favours added weight, to the already numberless obligations, which we are under to our Heavenly Father, for His mercies hitherto vouchsafed, and we were ready to exclaim, "What shall we render unto thee O Lord for all thy benefits", and whilst we have been thus brought, under exercise for ourselves, that we might be found coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, our hearts have turned in tender sympathy towards you our dear absent sisters, now in your infancy as a Yearly Meeting. Whilst you may feel your weakness and inability of yourselves to do anything, yet remember beloved ones, that as you abide in Christ, the living vine, you will experience your spiritual strength to be renewed and your hands made strong to labour, "that there may be no complaining in your streets, Happy, indeed is that people, that is in such a case, Yea, happy is that people

whose God is the Lord".

Our Yearly meeting is large, and we are favoured with the company of many dear friends, from other portions of the Lords heritage, whose words of counsel and encouragement have been truly comforting to us. May the faithful labours of these dedicated servants of the Lord, incite us to greater diligence in the work and service of our adorable Saviour.

And now, dear sisters in that love which is the badge of true discipleship we bid you farewell in the Lord.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Rhode Island commencing with public worship at Newport and Portsmouth on First Day the 15th and at Newport for discipline on Second day morning the 16th of 6th month 1869.

By the Reports received from the several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz: From

Rhode Island — Elizabeth Mauder, Cynthia Ann Sisson, Sarah K. Reynolds, Susan Ann Gifford, Lucretia H. Robinson, Eliza M. Thurston, Mary G. Collins, Mary A. Smith, Sarah Slade, Esther Chase, Huldah M. Slade and Yolande K. Copeland.

Salem — Mary C. Jones, Cynthia K. Carlington, Lydia Pope, Ann K. Pratt, Hannah J. Thayer, Abigail M. Cinson, Sarah P. Hawkes, Ann Maria Coffin, Sylvia A. Pope, Beulah K. Rogers, Mary Alice Jones, Sarah A. Folsom and Mercy S. Hilliker.

Nantucket — Hannah C. Baker, Sarah G. Anthony, Sylvia F. Copeland, Elizabeth G. King, Phebe C. Gifford, Almira F. Evans, Susan Baker, Lydia F. Crocker, Hannah Ann Shearman, Hannah Pratt, Susan G. Compton, Hannah P. Gifford and Mary C. Folger.

Falmouth — Rebecca C. Jones, Jane C. Mott, Lydia Ann Copeland, Abbie J. Jones, Carrie J. Cash, Sarah J. Jones, Elizabeth Ann Gifford, Mary C. Crocker, Lucy Jones and Esther Jones.

Smithfield — Phebe D. Mauder, Ann E. Collins, Isabella M. Gaskell, Abby D. Fuller, Mary J. King, Jane F. Wheeler and Rebecca C. Mauder.

Lincoln — Rebecca Sisson, Rachel J. Chaffee, Ann E. King, Eliza P. Gardiner, Hope D. Gibson, Martha A. Cobb, Eliza P. Pierce, Jane Jones and Hannah D. Jenkins.

Dover — Lydia Merrill, Hannah J. Dunn, Lavinia Gibbons, Eliza S. Farnum, Abigail C. Slade, Mary M. Cranmer and Lizzie J. Dean.

Fairfield — Ann Jones, Mary J. Pope, Sarah Sherman

Lavina M. Briggs, & Asa G. Briggs.

Enoch Richardson and Eunice Thrasher

whose names being called they are all present except four, for the absence of two of whom satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

By the Records from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed. Rhode Island has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah G. Cornell to the Station of Elder.

Sandwich informs that Eliza Hull, a minister and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th of 10th Month 1868, aged 78 years 11 months and 21 days, and that they have united with Westport Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phebe Slade to the Station of Elder; and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Owen F. Tucker and Susan Tiler to the same Station.

Falmouth informs that they have united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Stephen Swett.

Smithfield informs that they have united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Maria Aldrich and John Burns to the Station of Elder; and with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anthony Chase and Minerva Darnell to the same Station.

Lewis E. Pagen, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 22d of 11th Month 1869 aged 57 years, 3 months and 29 days.

James C. Fry, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 4th Month 2d 1869, aged 84 years 3 months and 22 days.

Polly Southwick, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting died 12th Month 21st 1868, aged 87 years and 3 months.

Many acceptable and interesting epistles from our sisters of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New-York, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore, Western Iowa, and Canada, have been received and read. We continue to regard these testimonials of sisterly love as an important means of strengthening and drawing closer the bonds of union which bind us together as one people. We appoint the following friends to deliver

1867 the 2nd inst. and is my min yar for the future assign
ment to these meetings and present to a future sitting:
Thos H. Taber, Hannah C. Sawyer, Mark B.
Hopkins, Gertrude H. Cuttland, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Sarah H.
Anthony, Frances A. Tucker, Susan Taber, Cynthia Brown,
Lydia Ann Sisson, Mary E. Reynolds, Jane C. Mott, Mary C.
Jones, Anna E. Wood, Edelma, Copeland, Mary Turner,
Sarah B. Jenkins, Susan Ann Gifford, Ruth S. Wood, Mary
Ann Snow, Ann B. Earle, Sarah C. Cuttland, Phebe H.
Gifford, Mercy H. King, Mary H. Mosher, Mary C. Hunter,
Lucinda Pinkham, Esther Jones, Abigail M. Hansen, Abby
S. Tilley, Ann H. Collins, Hannah Gifford, Hannah F. Over-
Cheryl Gillingham, Asa B. Slocum, Mary A. Smith, Mary
J. Page, Lucy Jones, Abigail C. Slade, Sarah Ann Gay, Elizabeth
C. Hinn, Hannah B. Jenkins, Lucy J. Stephens, Eliza B.
Bryer, Rachel S. Copeland, and Sarah B. Golden C.

We appoint our friends Sarah Slade, Mary C.
Snow, Abigail M. Hansen, Ann Maria Coffin, Ann C. King,
Abigail C. Slade, Margaret B. Coles, Elvira Jane Collins,
Mary J. Page and Mary G. Collins - to prepare a summary
from the minutes ~~received~~ to the Queries, received from the
Quarterly Meetings, and present to a future sitting of this
Meeting.

We trust our hearts have been united, raised in
gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the evidence we
have had this morning, of His owning presence amongst us.

Under feelings of solemnity we adjourn to the time
our friends may meet this afternoon.

Second day, Afternoon. Met at 4 o'clock.

Our friend Phebe H. Gifford, on behalf of the
Representatives, reports that they were united in proposing
Eliza B. Bogue for Clerk, and Gertrude H. Cuttland for
Assistant Clerk which being approved by this Meeting, they
are severally appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our
friends Rebecca Collins, Edwin Jaddell, Lucretia H.
Powell, William H. Taber, companions, Josephus H. Powell,
and John Reed, from New York Yearly Meeting; Caroline
C. Talbot and Martha Perkins from Ohio; William Nicholson
from North Carolina, Daniel Hill from Indiana, Eli

Newton from Western, and Mary B. Pickham, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Calvin Pickett and his wife Mary D. Pickett, both Elders, from Stamford Monthly Meeting; Sarah F. Underhill, of New York Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Rebecca Collins, Elizabeth H. Robson, of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio, companion to our friend Caroline C. Talbott, Jane H. Brown of Irvington Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Martha Watkins, Robert H. Nicholson, an Elder of Plainfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana companion to our friend Eli Newton, Thomas Pickham an Elder of Westbury Monthly Meeting, accompanying his wife Mary B. Pickham, and James Birrell of Fairfield Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Daniel Hill. Certificates from their several Meetings have been read, expressive of unity with them in their engagements.

We have also in attendance at this time, several other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, without certificates, whose company is truly acceptable.

Our friends inform that the subject of making some change in the time of commencing our Yearly Meeting, has been introduced, and they propose to refer the consideration thereof to the Representatives; which is approved by this Meeting.

The records of this Meeting for last year have been read.

The Queries General Epistle of last year has been read, and we desire that its truly valuable contents may be appreciated, and treasured up by all our members.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

Third day - Morning. Met according to adjournment.

The consideration of the State of Society was proceeded upon, by reading the Queries and Answers, as far as the 11th inclusive. The deep solemnity which prevailed during this important engagement - the living concern manifested for the welfare of the Church, and the sweet words of warning and encouragement which have been elicited, have given precious evidence of the presiding care and control of our

1867 City Road.

We adjourn to 11 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon. Friends again assembled, and proceeded with the remaining Queries and Answers.

The deficiencies reported in some of the accounts from our subordinate meetings have introduced many minds into deep exercise. The neglect apparent in the attendance of meetings and the loss thereby sustained, has been feelingly dwelt upon, and we have been reminded that if we love the Lord our God with all our hearts, - if this first and great commandment is obeyed, and the second which is like unto it. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", we shall rejoice to go up to the house of the Lord in company. Presenting our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God we shall realize strength and consolation from each others sympathy and prayers. If we abide in a habit of prayer when at home, and while our hands are occupied with our daily duties, the aspirations of our souls are unto the Lord; - if the spirit of prayer is cherished in the family circle, the hour for assembling together in public worship will be to us a precious hour, and we shall be prepared to offer unto our Heavenly Father an offering in righteousness, even the sacrifice of a humble and contrite Spirit which in his sight is of great price.

Let none be discouraged because of the smallness and outward silence of their meetings, for the presence of the dear Redeemers precious and holy teaching is to the few as well as to the many; and if we maintain in earnest exercise of soul He will open the mouths of some, put them his own words, and prepare them to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ which may be the means of gathering many souls unto Him.

If the same spirit be in us that was in Christ Jesus there will be room in our hearts for unkind thoughts, and unkind words will not be heard from our lips. It is said in Revelations of that redeemed company, in whose mouth there was found no guile. If we live under the sweet influence of Jesus the bitter spirit of detraction and evil whisperings can never be indulged - we shall be found upon the watch tower - and the enemy will not be permitted to obtain advantage over us. "He that walketh his

own spirit is better than he that taketh a city". If delinquency has been our sad besetting sin let us come to the mercy seat and plead with Him who bore all our weakness for His indwelling grace, and his help will be found sufficient - we shall be able to overcome through Christ strengthening us.

Much longer and more appropriate counsel has been extended to those in the morning of life, in the tenderness and freshness of youth, that giving their hearts to Jesus and making a full surrender they may henceforth live and work for Him. The language of the blessed Saviour continues to be "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven". Many can testify that there is no easier time to set out in the service of the Lord than in early life; and may those among us who are more advanced in Christian experience, with hearts full of love, be encouraged to feed and encourage the tender lambs of the flock, opening wide our arms to gather them into the Saviours fold. When we have been favored to feel the Lord precious to our souls to partake of the living bread ourselves, do we ask for a crumb to hand forth for the nourishment of these little ones?

Much sympathy has been expressed for mothers who deeply feel the responsibility which rests upon them in discharging the duties of their sacred trust. We believe many of these have at this time been led to close self examination, querying with their own hearts whether they are in the highest sense good examples to their children; and we feel assured, that as mothers are thus honest with themselves, and under a sense of their own insufficiency, ask wisdom of Him who gives liberally, they shall receive ability to perform every parental duty. Freedom between parents and their children has been earnestly recommended, as opening the way to impart much instructive counsel; and the salutary influence of sisters over their brothers, should they at times be inclined to waywardness has been brought very impressively to view. When the affectionate sister sees her thoughtless brother just as they were going to lay lips, or hears him profane the name of his Creator or speak irreverently of divine things, let her not withhold the word of warning, for it may save him from the paths of the destroyer. Such labors as these are often eminently blessed, indeed we believe their influence is never entirely lost. The boys may leave the home of their childhood, temptations may thicken around

them, and their feet may sometimes falter in the path of duty; yet how often, and with what restraining power does memory bring to their minds the holy teachings, the endearing associations, of the early home.

While the duty and the privilege of diligent study of the Holy Scriptures has been enjoined upon us, our attention has again been seriously called to the subject of unprofitable reading. Believing this to be a fruitful cause of demoralization, exerting a poisonous effect upon the youthful mind, parents have been entreated to endeavor by example as well as precept to encourage a careful discrimination in the choice of reading, and as the best fortification against danger from this source, as from other temptations, we have been advised to make it a frequent subject of prayer.

We have also deeply felt the responsibility which attaches to the office of teacher. May all who are engaged in this interesting and important field of labor, remember that it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps; but they must look and rely upon Heavenly guidance, if they would rightly direct the steps of others.

The faithful support of our testimony respecting war, and the duty of Christian mothers and teachers to strive to imbue the youthful mind with the pure principles of peace have been forcibly and tenderly revived, and we are confirmed in the assurance that as we endeavor to abide under the wing of the Almighty, and listen to his counsel, we shall be enabled, in word and deed, to uphold all our Christian testimonies, and adorn the doctrine of the dear Redeemer.

Several of the Lord's anointed messengers from other Yearly Meetings have been with us, breaking the bread which they have received from his own bountiful hand, and it has been the prayerful engagement of our hearts that the sweet spiritual fruits of these precious meetings may not be lost to any of us — that the good seed which has been sown, falling into good ground, may spring up and flourish and bring forth much fruit. So that "he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

The Committee having charge of the Boarding School presented the following report, which is satisfactory, and the names who served last year with the exception of Sarah H. Hampton, who has removed from this Yearly Meeting, were

be appointed to unite with a similar committee of the Men's Meeting, in the government and direction of the School the ensuing year. And Sophia P. Bailey is added to said Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report, that they have given attention to their appointment, and feel much satisfaction in stating that, under the administration of the present officers and teachers the affairs of the school and family have been well and efficiently conducted, and the high character which the School had sustained for many years past has been maintained. As far as their observation has enabled them to judge the pupils have evinced a commendable attention to their studies, and their behavior has been generally satisfactory.

The officers of the Institution have been Albert H. Smiley, Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the female department; John A. Mogell, Thomas E. Bailey, Dorothy T. Coffin, Alice H. Coffin, and Sarah A. Taber teachers of English Branches; William J. Phillips teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; Daniel C. Mayfield teacher of Mathematics; and Sarah A. Taber teacher of Drawing.

The number of pupils in attendance during the Autumn term was one hundred and seventy five, viz: one hundred and five males and seventy females. In the Spring term one hundred and forty eight viz; ninety three males and fifty-five females.

Although the health of the school has been generally good, and the scholars have been mercifully preserved from disease that has at times prevailed in the vicinity, yet two cases of severe illness have occurred, one of which proved fatal. Allie H. Holmes, daughter of Josiah Holmes Jr. of Nottingham who had been but a few weeks an inmate of the school, was removed, on account of illness to her home 11th Mo. 7th 1868, and died on the 26th of the same month of typhoid fever. She was reported to us by the Principal as being a girl of remarkably delicate organization both physically and mentally, and possessed of an unusually sweet disposition. During her short stay at the school she had greatly endeared herself to all the officers and pupils with whom she associated.

The pupils have continued to attend the meetings for worship held on Providence on First day forenoons, in the

1869 middle of the week. First day afternoons have been devoted to devotional instruction and reading; and portions of Scripture are read to the assembled school in each department at the breakfast table and before retiring for the night.

Since our last Yearly Meeting the girls' lodging-room in the east wing of the main building has been by direction of the committee partitioned into separate rooms to correspond with those in the new building, at an expense of nine hundred one 66 100 ($901.66) dollars. This gives eight additional dormitories for the use of the girls with a spacious room for a nursery in that part of the house.

The report of the auditing committee shows that, as near as can be estimated, the income of the school to 6th mo 23d 1869 will exceed its expenses, including the cost of alterations in the girls' lodging room and interest paid on the debt of the school, by the sum of three hundred forty-seven ($347) dollars, which being deducted from amount of its indebtedness reported last year leaves a balance of eleven thousand six hundred thirty five 77-100 ($11,635.77) dollars now due. From information received from the treasurer of the School Funds, it is anticipated that the income from our charitable fund and the Ebenezer Metcalf fund the coming year will be sufficient to pay the board and tuition of fifteen scholars one year each.

We would offer for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting the propriety of making the treasurer of the School Funds an annual appointment, and that he be ex officio a member of the School Committee.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing year of forty weeks to members of our Yearly Meeting be reduced to one hundred and forty dollars, and that no change be made at this time in the prices to other classes of scholars. To show that the proposed charge to our own members is not exceptionally high, it may be stated that from inquiries recently made, the price of board and tuition at Friends' schools in other parts of the country exceeds what is proposed to be charged by us.

The schedule of terms proposed is as follows:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$140.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00

For all others who may be admitted

An additional charge of $10 to be made for one years instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year and one half at the opening after the recess.

Having into view the difficulties that many of our members have to encounter in order to obtain for their children a suitable education to fit them for the business of life, and at the same time to preserve them in some good degree from the maxims and habits of the world; and also to enable such of our young people as are desirous of qualifying themselves to serve as teachers to attain that object, it has appeared very desirable to us that the funds for the gratuitous education of our members at the Boarding School should be increased. To this end a contribution has been commenced by a few individuals, some of whom have long been connected with the school, and we would ask the favorable consideration of friends for this undertaking, and their co operation with it.

In presenting the annual report of the conditions of the school, we feel that we may again commend it to the confidence and support of friends, and we can but trust, that with the help of an individual interest in its welfare on the part of our members, under the divine blessing, that the concern of our predecessors in the truth in its establishment may be in good measure fulfilled.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

Jno C. Taber. Clerk.

Note. The first half year begins 9th mo. 1st 1869: Closes 1st mo 19th 1870. Winter recess begins 1st mo. 19th 1870: Closes 2d mo. 2d 1870. Second half year begins 2d mo. 2d 1870: Closes 6th mo. 20th 1870.

Regulations of the School Committee. Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting, as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive less than a proportionate share of advantage.

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Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 3d of Eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others by that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Those who have the benefit of the Charitable Fund or of the Clothing Association should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal, Address: Gilbert H. Bailey Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

Committee. Sarah A. Hobbs, Eliza H. Hoyt, Rhoda C. Tucker, Mary C. Carter, Ann E. Collins, Rachel H. Fields, Eliza P. Varney, Gertrude H. Cartland, Lucretia H. Robinson, Ann H. Earle, Abigail C. Grinnell, Lucretia A. Tucker, Anna L. Ennis, Julia M. Copeland, Phebe K. Jeffords, and Sophia G. Bailey.

The adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day — Morning. — Friends met according to adjournment —

The Committee under appointment in the forenoon of this Meeting for the freed people of color presented the following report, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color present their fifth annual Report.

The mission at Washington was re-opened first-day tenth month, 1868. under the care of our esteemed friends John C. and Hannah Close of Lynn, Mass. as superintendents and five teachers, viz.: Hannah S. Newman of New Garden as principal, with Mary Ellen Oliver and Mary C. Close of Lynn, and Susan H. Price and Mary C. Rawlins of New Garden, as assistants.

Some slight alterations were needed in the school buildings, but these were soon effected, and the school

was opened with 39 scholars. The teachers report that they were much pleased with their improved appearance; they being more quiet and orderly, and better dressed. One who had had them four years before could not fail to be impressed with the benefits resulting from the mission.

One afternoon in each week the girls were taught sewing, and at the time of their festival in the winter, they were very helpful in making garments for presents, finishing 200 pieces. It was the first time the girls seemed to realize there was anything for them to do, but receive, and it was a new and pleasant idea to them. This occasion was much enjoyed by all and will long be remembered by the children.

The evening school was small but interesting. It was thought best to charge five cents apiece a week for tuition, and thereby a more appreciative class of scholars was obtained.

The Lincoln Institute opened in first-month, and many of them took advantage of it, but our recommendation is a commodious building, suited for evening and industrial schools. A large First-day School is also held there.

Our First-day School at the mission has been sustained, and the scriptures have been daily read in the schools and in the family circle, and health and harmony have been preserved during the winter. Different members of the Committee have visited the school from time to time, who have been gratified with the general good order manifested. The proficiency of the children indicated commendable industry on their part, and much patient labor on the part of all the officers connected with the establishment. The school has also been visited by the Superintendent and Trustees of the Colored Schools of Washington, who expressed themselves well satisfied with its condition. As the usual time for closing it approached, they were very desirous that it should be kept open as long as the other schools, since much harm might arise to the scholars by the enforced idleness of a month. The superintendents and teachers coinciding in this view, it was concluded to continue in session until the 30th of 6th month, the end of the school year.

In view of the favorable condition of our finances, and in accordance with the wishes of the trustees of the colored schools, the Committee have concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting, that the school with the mission family be maintained another year.—

The cost of supporting the mission the past year has been $3,761.30. besides what has been received from the Freedmans Bureau

The money now on hand is $3,236.41. which will enable the Committee to carry out the recommendation of the report for the continuance of the school next year.

Sarah E. Hall of Worcester joined the company at the mission during the twelfth month, and took charge of the sewing school, and visited the sick and needy, relieving much suffering by the use of our benevolent funds. Still there is so little that the men are allowed to do, that the support of the families falls very much on the mothers and daughters, even little girls, some very delicate, are put to service. This interferes materially with their education, as they must take work where they can get it, and their attendance at school is very irregular. Sarah E. Hall says. "I came the first of twelfth month, and took charge of the children's sewing school, which was busily engaged at work for Christmas. Of the two articles given at that time, 200 garments were made by the girls of the different schools. The remaining five consisted of two cases of shoes, five pairs stockings, and other articles of clothing contributed by the friends of Wyoming, New Bedford and Weare. During third month I was visiting agent for the city, in this section, distributing about thirty cords of wood, tea, sugar, rice, soap and meal, to 200 different families. In addition to this, I have given from the benevolent fund of the mission, $150 in groceries, $50 in clothing, and paid for work in food and clothing about $75. Owing to the favorable weather there was not as much suffering during the past winter as in previous years, but more during the Spring months, owing to the scarcity of labor. There is as much destitution in this city to day, as at any time during the past four years. Although great numbers have been sent away, as many new comers have taken their places, while there is less work to be obtained here.

Unless there is some avenue opened this summer by which steady employment can be furnished to supply a part of them at least with work in winter, next year will bear witness to as great an amount of poverty and suffering, as at any time since the close of the war.

Of the $50,000 placed in the hands of the Mayor on the first of third month, for the relief of the poor, one-third remained at the end of two months, and except-

a very limited supply of shoes, the whole of it was spent for food and wood. Even this was not nearly sufficient to abate the cravings of hunger or make any one family much comfortable. Although it is intended to help only the sick and the aged in such appropriations, it is impracticable to limit them to these alone. The moment anything is to be given out, we are confronted with families of starving children, of whose existence we previously had no knowledge, but which investigation compels us to admit as a stubborn fact. What is to be done with them? They may have a father, but he can get no work. Let him go to the north, it is said. So he might, but he is not there, and we know that his family are famishing for food. Shall we let them starve? No, give them half a bushel of meal - it will last them two or three days. That is not much, but when multiplied by thousands and repeated, it takes more money than the most calculating can conceive. There are hundreds of such cases in which it would not be advisable for them to go to the north. I mention this subject because it is a formidable obstacle in the way of the freedmens elevation, and one which must be removed before we can expect to see any great progress among them. Every years experience confirms the demoralizing effect of almsgiving, while it does nothing towards removing the evil.

Cannot some method be devised, through which, by co operating with Congress, workshops may be constructed in the suburbs of the city, especially where such manufactures which would supply one of their greatest needs? It is a question that should be the endeavor of every Christian and philanthropist and Statesman who has the regard for the interests of this capital of a great republic. One half the money expended for educational purposes is thrown away, so long as the parents are so ground down by poverty, as to be obliged to take their children from school the first opportunity that occurs, to place them in service, which is much more often than they can obtain places for themselves.

Another subject of equal or greater importance, for which every citizen of this republic is morally responsible is the sale of spirituous liquors, so extensively, and unblushingly carried on here. No effort can prosper in the face of such an [illegible]

In conclusion, we would say that all those who have given time and means for the benefit of this people would feel repaid could they see the result of their efforts. Still there is much to be done. It is no easy thing to change habits of thought

1867 and nation; and as years and generations have been spent in oppressing and degrading this people, so it will take years of patient effort to raise them in the scale; but there are many things to encourage us in the work, and dearest and sweetest of all are the words of our Lord and Master. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

On behalf of the Committee.

Edw. H. Howland.
Ann B. Earle

Note. Contributions of money, clothing or other articles, for the benefit of the Freedmen, will be gladly received by the Committee, and may be sent to our Friends Wm. C. Taber of New Bedford, or Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, who will forward them for the sick and needy in Washington.

Cotton cloth, shoes and stocking yarn are especially desirable.

which, being satisfactory to the meeting, is accepted. The attention given to this benevolent concern is gratefully appreciated by Friends, under a belief that these labors have been blessed to that people. The Committee are continued, with the exception of Sarah F. Sampson, who has removed from this Yearly Meeting, and they are desired and encouraged to unite with a Committee of men Friends, and attend and have care over the Mission another year.

Committee - Ann B. Earle, Gulielma H. Howland, Ellen H. Tuffum, Gertrude H. Cartland, Eliza B. Boyer, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna J. Wood, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Trenchard, Mercy Oldberry, Marguerite B. Cates and Hannah B. Sawyer.

The adjourn to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met near 2 o'clock.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings of last year have been laid before us by men Friends, and a portion of them read. The proceedings of that meeting, and especially the testimony issued on the subject of peace, have been acceptable to us.

The Committee on Education presented the following Report, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education submit the following report:

We have endeavored to attend to the subjects under our charge, and although the fruit of our labors may appear very small, yet the inducements and necessities for further efforts seem steadily increasing.

A part of the Committee have visited Friends' Boarding School at Providence, and Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro.

These institutions continue to offer their advantages to those who may wish to place their children at such schools, under the care of Friends.

The statistical returns received this year are as follows:—

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty-one years.	905.
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	1.
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools.	1.
The number of Family Schools.	2.
The number of Friends' children who have attended School the past year.	785.
The number who have attended School taught by Friends or under their control.	191.
The number of your members engaged in teaching the past year.	104
The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges, not under the care of Friends.	56.
The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends.	64
Average time held.	7½ mos.
The number of persons attending.	1,693.
The number of the same who are Friends.	1,073.
The number of Teachers.	213.
The number of persons over 21 years of age attending.	827.
The number of the same who are Friends.	606.
The number of Births during the year ending 1st 5th Mo.,	30.
The number of members admitted by request.	33.
The number of members received by certificate from other Yearly Meetings.	3.
The number of members removed by certificate to other Yearly Meetings	29.
The number of members deceased.	85.
The number of members disowned.	22.
The whole number of members belonging to the yearly meeting on the 1st day of the 5th Mo. 1869.	4618.
The number of Meetings without Schools.	21.

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We are encouraged in the belief that the interest of Friends in Scriptural instruction is increasing, and in some places very perceptibly so, yet the fact that 21 of the "Meetings for Worship" in this Yearly Meeting have no stated gatherings for the study of the Scriptures demands our serious consideration.

The importance of using some means for increasing the interest of the members of these small meetings calls for our earnest prayers that they may be so baptized with the Holy Spirit, as made sensible of the presence of our Lord Jesus among them, that no effort will seem too much and no distance too great for them to gather for such a purpose. Even in scattered neighborhoods it has been found that a settled meeting can be maintained by earnest prayerful effort where at first it seemed impossible.

We are impressed with the need of a higher standard of Education among us, and would call the attention of Friends to this subject as one closely connected with the welfare and the effectiveness of our religious Society.

The educational views of our early Friends were broad and comprehensive.

Hon. Barclay, Penn and Aymond well understood the value of knowledge, and assigned it its proper place. Christianity at once recognizes high intellectual attainment and teaches its subordination.

Friends in this Yearly Meeting is with means for the enlarged and liberal education of a considerable number of its members, we regard it as plainly incumbent upon us to secure for our youth this higher culture. We desire to see fully carried out the liberal views of the Boarding School Committee, as set forth in a circular issued some years since, in which, after enumerating the facilities of the classical and scientific department of that institution, that Committee expressed "the hope that this new and important addition to the Boarding School" proposed "in conformity to the principles and usages of Friends, will satisfy the views of those parents who wish to confer upon their children the benefits of a liberal and enlarged education; and that, whilst it will obviate the necessity of placing them beyond the sphere of the Society for the completion of their studies, it may furnish them with all the essential literary advantages preparatory to lives of usefulness and virtue."

We desire to see this realized, and we especially hope that some means may be supplied not only for the interest of the

number of Friends' children at our Boarding School, but that special inducements may be presented for them to continue their stay, and that thus at an early day, there may be found a considerable number entered upon such an enlarged and liberal course of study.

James S. Arnold, Clerk.

which is satisfactory, and he appoint our Friends Abby Dennis, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna Lydell, Ellen E. Buffum, Phebe S. Gifford, Anna B. Smith, Anna M. Low, Mary B. Brown, Charity W. Gillingham, Susan Taber, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Nelly S. Potter, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Esther Jones, Eunice G. Cartland, Mary C. Mauhes, Lydia M. Pope, Abigail Wheeler, Lydia B. Low, Maria Aldrich, Margaret B. Cates, Narcissa Jacobs, Almira S. Hansin, Lydia C. Sawyer, Abigail C. Speed, Hannah W. Meader, Lavina M. Briggs, Gilpah J. Shepherd, and Sarah P. Winslow, to attend to this important and very interesting concern, and we desire to encourage them in endeavoring to increase the number of First-Day Schools.

We are at this time informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in the 5th month be changed from 3 o'clock in the afternoon to 2 o'clock; that Nantucket proposes that their meeting, now held at Windham in the 9th month, be held in future at Durham, and that the 2 Quarterly Meeting now held at Durham, in the 11th month be held in future at Windham; that Smithfield proposes that the time of holding their Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in the 5th and 11th Months, be changed from 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock. The several propositions are approved by this and the Men's Meeting, and the change accordingly made.

The Committee on the revision of our Discipline, presented the following Report viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the Revision of the Book of Discipline, report:

That we have given attention to our appointment, and that progress has been made in the important duty assigned us.

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Our Working Committee, composed of 12 members, has held eight Meetings during the year of 3d Session.

The work is however still quite incomplete, as great care and deliberation have been deemed requisite in this engagement.

By direction of the Committee,

Charles Faber

Ann H. Earle,

Clerks.

Newport, 6th Mo. 10, 1869.

The Committee are continued, and are desired to give further attention to the subject and report to this Meeting next year.

Committee on Discipline.- Joseph Cartland, Nathan Read of Lynn, Newell Coffin, Calvin S. Goddard, Richard Batty, Thomas H. Nichols, Stephen Meade, Moses Hiley, Obadiah Chase, Charles H. Coles, Gilbert Congdon, Charles H. Coffin of Lynn, George Lowry, Joseph E. Macomber, William H. Hinson, Thomas Cartland, John Cox, Crowell, George Cartland Jr., George Douglas, Edward Earle, William Faber, Jacob K. Painter, Reuben H. Jones, Edgar H. Wood, John Page of Weare, Charles K. Tucker, Charles Faber, William A. Brown, John Milton Earle and Abel H. Collins.

Women's Committee.- Gertrude H. Cartland, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Brown, Mary C. Read, Lydia Pope, Hannah H. Dwight, Mary Ann Brown, Rachel H. Cartland, Phebe M. Gifford, Ruth C. Faber, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minott, Mary C. Hughes, Esther Jones, Ann H. Earle, Ann H. Colton, Sarah Jones, Rachel H. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Rebecca Bright, Mary F. Page, Cynthia H. Myers, Eliza H. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Lydia Congdon, Julia A. Cartland, Abby H. Hilly, Sarah Osborne, Emily C. Cuddy, Ann Elmira Cony, Lydia F. Fry, Abigail C. Meade, Susan R. Meader, Ann C. Richmond, Sophia H. Hiley, Elizabeth C. Wing and Lucas H. Tucker.

Essays if visible to Condon and Anderson have

been read and approved.

The Meeting to adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day Afternoon, the 16th. The Meeting again assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives present, as at the first sitting of this Meeting, except three, for the absence of one of whom, a sufficient reason has been assigned.

Essays of Epistles to New York, Baltimore, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Canada have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same, with those read at a previous sitting, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Representatives, to whom was committed for consideration the subject of changing the time of commencing our Yearly Meeting, severally reported that they had conferred together, and, after a time of deliberation, were united in proposing that our next Yearly Meeting shall commence on the 7th day after the second fifth day in the 6th month at 9 o'clock in the morning — and that the Meeting of Ministers and Elders commence the day preceding, at 9 o'clock in the morning. We unite with the Reps Meeting in adopting said report.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on behalf of this Meeting, the following minute for our friend Rebecca Collins, viz: "Our beloved friend, Rebecca Collins, attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us." And similar ones for our friends Caroline E. Talbot, Mary B. Pinkham and Martha Perkins.

The Clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for our friend Sarah F. Underhill, viz.: "Our beloved friend Sarah F. Underhill acceptably attended this Meeting." and similar ones for our friends Elizabeth F. Coben, Mary S. Isbell and Jane F. Brown.

The Clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this Meeting to be printed for distribution among the families of Friends.

During the several sessions of this Yearly Meeting our dear absent sisters, who have not had the privilege of mingling with us at this time, have been brought very near to our hearts in the sweetness of gospel fellowship; and petitions have been raised to our Father in Heaven that they might be

1867 made partakers with us of the crumbs which have fallen from His bountiful table.

Under a thankful sense of Divine love and mercy which have attended us from sitting to sitting, praising us in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace, we conclude, proposing to meet at this place on seventh day after the second sixth day in the sixth month next year if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

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Epistles.

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held in Rhode Island in the 5th month 1869.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London.

Dear Friends

Our sweet salutation greeting you and love has come to us over the sea and has strengthened the bonds of Christian fellowship and brought to mind the words of the Psalmist "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" It is like the precious ointment which was poured upon the head and ran down the beard even Aarons beard which went down to the skirts of his garment It is like the dew of Hermon and like the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion for there the Lord commanded the blessing even life forever more. We do earnestly desire that this badge of discipleship may be increasingly manifested by all the followers of Christ however separated by distance and peculiar circumstances remembering the saying of our Lord. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to and another"

We have rejoiced in hearing through your epistle that beloved friends from our land have been acceptably with you and are laboring among you in the gospel of Christ. We believe that those whom the Master putteth forth will know Him to go before them and make their way. May they ever listen to His voice and carefully and faithfully follow His leadings remembering that He will lead His people himself and guide them into all truth.

It is truly encouraging to hear that considerable numbers of young people were with you in your annual gathering and that many of these are resigning themselves to the yoke of Christ their Redeemer and going forth into the fields already white unto the harvest. May they indeed return again with rejoicing bringing their sheaves with them enriching the church as well as blessing in their own souls the reward of peace.

The cry of the millions of the heathen the dumb broken and the neglected in all lands has entered the ear of the Lord of Sabaoth and He is looking to the Church - so long kept as in the hollow of His holy hand preserved through the ages as a monument of His power and of His mercy and responsi

for so many favors received, - now in the fulness of time to bring forth the rich fruits of the Spirit and consecrate herself, heart, her whole membership to the great work of the day, the work of peace and righteousness. May she in obedience to the call "Arise, shake herself from the dust of the earth and be found ready for such service as her glorified Head may appoint.

We have had a favored Yearly Meeting several dear friends from a distance have been with us and counsel has freely flowed to the refreshment - and we hope the blessing of many. We have earnestly desired that when the children ask for bread those to whom they look for help, may be found so near the Master - as to take that which He has broken and blessed, and hand it to them.

In the love that many waters cannot quench we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Dublin.

Beloved Sisters.

In a measure, we trust, of that love which flows from the Source of all good, we would affectionately salute you, and acknowledge the receipt of your excellent epistle, so full of instruction and encouragement - and which, with messages of love from dear sisters of other Yearly Meetings, has tended to revive our drooping spirits - and we have been ready to say, "It is the Lord, Blessed forever be His adorable name".

It has also been cause of gratitude that He, who watcheth tenderly over His church everywhere, has turned hither the feet of many of His anointed messengers from distant parts of His heritage, and these, under the baptizing power of His Spirit, have been qualified to hand forth bread for the nourishment of hungering, thirsting souls. The beloved youth have been tenderly admonished, and invited to a "closer walk with God", to make a full surrender of their hearts to Him, and to follow the dear Redeemer in the beauty of holiness, the joy and peace, which He alone can give.

Our Yearly Meeting is largely attended, and the

1869 presence of so many in the earlier walks of life, who have taken a deep interest in the varied concerns that have come before us, has contributed greatly to the comfort and encouragement of their elder sisters.- May the Spirit of the Lord be increasingly poured out upon this interesting class, both with you and us, and in simple obedience to its teachings, may there be a succession of standard-bearers in the militant church, and the waste places in Zion be rebuilt to the glory of God the Father.

We feel thankfully to acknowledge that the different sittings of this Yearly Meeting have, we believe, been owned by the great Head of the Church, that we have felt the overshadowing of his life giving presence, a fresh warming our hearts with love, and we have been permitted to realize the delight of sitting under his shadow, and partaking of his fruit which is indeed sweet to our taste.

Desiring, beloved sisters, that we may all realize more and more of an abiding in the true Vine, in Christ who is our Life, that we may be found fruit bearing branches, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Elvira B. Boyce Clerk.

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Friends.

We have at this time renewedly felt the value of epistolary intercourse with our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, and can feelingly rejoice with you, dear friends, that the sensible presence of our Heavenly Father has been with you in your deliberations, for without Him we can do nothing. We, too, have cause to thank God and take courage, in that He has turned the feet of His messengers towards us, proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation.

Our young people have been earnestly entreated to give their hearts to the Saviour, now in the morning of their day; while words of counsel and encouragement have been extended to all ages; and many earnest petitions have been put up to the Father of spirits that His life giving presence would go with us.

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another - and the Lord hearkened and heard it; and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

This beautiful passage of scripture was repeated, with the searching inquiry - shall we be there? shall we be there? We believe the heart felt prayer of many present was may I indeed be there.

Under this solemn covering the state of society was entered in. The tempted and erring ones were earnestly entreated to come to the mercy seat to come with our cares, our trials and our temptations, for God is abundantly able and willing to help in every time of need.

The dear aged ones have given in their testimony to the early visitations of their Heavenly Father; while their lives of dedication and the beautiful spirit of Christian charity resting upon them is a comfort and encouragement to the present burden bearers, causing them to feel that surely the Lord will not leave nor forsake those who trust in Him.

We feelingly unite with you in the suggestion that there is a sphere of usefulness in the church to be filled by the young, and are encouraged in the belief that many of that class are faithfully fulfilling their allotted portion of duty, and in the Master's time will be prepared for any service He may require at their hands.

In that love which changeth not we affectionately salute you and remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Your kind epistle has awakened in our hearts a feeling response even as deep calleth unto deep, and in that love we address you.

We have been favored at this time with the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors in the service of their Divine Master, have comforted and strengthened

1864 our tracking spirits.

The one grand theme of redemption through a once crucified but now risen and glorified Saviour, has been proclaimed in all its fulness. We rejoice in believing that the Lord in his condescending mercy is again pouring a visitation of his love upon the people, and is calling for laborers to enter into his service.

Many of our beloved young friends are giving unmistakable evidence that it is the prayerful desire of their hearts to be found following the good Shepherd, who therefore we may look them. May this interesting class both with you and us be encouraged to walk in wisdoms ways, which are indeed those of pleasantness and whose paths will most assuredly lead to peace. Earnestly and affectionately have they been entreated to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, that as the dear aged mothers are called up higher, to receive the welcome sentence of "well done" - they may be prepared to receive their falling mantles and be strengthened and qualified by our holy Leader, to stand as valiants in His cause.

Most sweetly sweet are our privileges and great and solemn our responsibilities. May it be our earnest prayer to be kept in the secret place of the Most High, and then we have the assurance that we shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

The various subjects that have claimed our attention have been disposed of in harmony and christian condescension.

"And now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the throne of his glory with exceeding joy - to the only wise God our Saviour" would be most affectionately commend you with ourselves, and remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Eliza B. Boyce - Clerk.

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

It is with renewed feelings of thankfulness we acknowledge that in this our annual gathering, the wing of Ancient Goodness has been spread over us, and we have been made a little to rejoice in the precious fulness of the love of Christ to His church. Many hearts have been strengthened to pursue their heavenward

journey — Mothers have been tenderly reminded of their duties to their children, encouraged to pray with and for them, that they may become the followers of Jesus, and have been exhorted to make themselves so familiar with them as to render it easy for the child to go to the Mother with all its temptations discouragements and joys in spiritual as well as temporal matters.

The young have been earnestly entreated to give their hearts to the Saviour in the morning of life.

We have the company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose gospel messages have given us the assurance that God has not forgotten this part of His heritage.

We have received your welcome epistle of 11th month last the reading of which, with those from other Yearly Meetings, has caused us afresh to realize the value and preciousness of these sisterly letters.

Our hearts have been made glad as reports have reached us from your land, of the increase of Life in your midst, and that the Lord is pouring out the rich blessing of His Holy Spirit upon you. May you with us be deepened and strengthened in the Divine Life. And inasmuch as our Saviour has said "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven." May your prayers be united with ours that this blessing may be more abundantly poured out upon us.

The subjects of education, Scriptural instruction, the circulation of Bibles and Tracts, and the cause of the Freedmen, continue to receive our increasing attention.

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Your acceptable epistle of 9th mo. last has been to us as "a brook by the way" — cheering and refreshing our hearts, and we feel that it is only as we draw near in spirit to the Source of all good, that we can be rightly qualified to reach the witness for God

in the hearts of any.

While partaking of the blessings which flow from this epistolary correspondence we cannot but sympathize with those who are deprived thereof, fervently desiring that the missing link in the chain may ere long be so restored as to bind more closely all who are of the same household of faith.

Our meeting has been large, and the various classes have been most impressively and affectionately addressed by devoted followers of our Holy Redeemer who, having tasted that the Lord is good, and that the blessed "promises of the gospel are yea and amen in Christ Jesus our Lord", have been enlightened to invite the young to come in their youth to this blessed Saviour, and partake of the joy of His salvation.

"Oh, satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."

Our Heavenly Saviour, in "leading the blind by a way that they know not," teaches them to confide in the knowledge, truth and goodness of their Divine Leader — and that confidence is the calm, unquestioning repose of faith.

The Bible and Tract Associations, and the wants of the Freedmen, have claimed a portion of our time and attention during the week, and in each of these meetings, there has been manifested a zeal for the promotion of Christian labor.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and in behalf of the meeting,

Elza B. Boyce. Clerk.

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters:

Having been again permitted through the mercies of our Heavenly Father to gather to our annual feast, our hearts have been renewedly warmed with love to Him, and with desires that we and our dear friends every where may know a more frequent partaking of the loaves of His table.

We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of your epistle of last year which with those from other Yearly Meetings, have been the occasion of much joy to our hearts and we pray that them

as fresh tokens of our Heavenly Father's love.

We have been favored with the company of several ministers from other Yearly Meetings, whose words of counsel and sympathy have been truly edifying.

The beauty and efficacy of prayer has been often brought before us with desires that we may all know more of an abiding at the feet of Jesus where true prayer is wont to be made, and that at all times and in every place with hearts uplifted we may make our requests known unto Him who cares for us.

Our meeting at this time is large and we rejoice to see a lively and increasing interest manifest among the younger members of our society, many of whom we believe, are in earnest for the salvation of their own souls, and who desire above every earthly consideration to be found helpers to those about them - Our prayer is that nothing may hinder or mar the work so signally commenced in the hearts of our dear young friends both with you and us; and that it may please the Lord to pour out His spirit more and more upon us, and enable us, in simplicity and sincerity, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour - and be an example to those about us.

The concern for maintaining First day Schools for Scriptural instruction has long received the fostering care of this meeting, and we were glad to note by your epistle, that it had become so nearly general with you, believing that those who engage in this work may realize the promise that those who water, shall themselves be watered, and that those who offer a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, will not lose their reward.

And in conclusion dear Sisters we desire that we may be kept in the love of God looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto Eternal life.

With love we are your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

1867 To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters.

As we have gathered together in this our annual assembly a feeling of humble gratitude has clothed our spirits, that our Father in Heaven in His loving kindness has again permitted so many of us to come up hither unitedly to worship before Him.

And we deeply feel our dependence upon Him, and the loss of the prayerful Spirit of dear ones who have mingled with us in the Lord's Church, whom He has seen meet to call from the church militant, to join the family of the redeemed in Heaven. - And some of our hearts have been bowed under a sense of the increasing responsibility which rests upon others who are required to gather up the falling mantles of these, and come up with a firmer step to the help of the Lord's work, as devoted diligent laborers in His vineyard. May this every where known of dwelling keep low at the feet of Jesus that He may instruct and lead them on in His fear, accomplishing His own work, magnifying His own power and showing forth His great love in the gathering of precious souls into His fold.

Our spirits were refreshed and encouraged by the reading of your acceptable sisterly greeting, with like communications from dear sisters of other Yearly Meetings; it was a season of rejoicing together in the savor of life unto life, which was felt to be a fresh evidence that as one family, we do know of being nourished and sustained from the one living Fountain of Life. Magnified be the name of our blessed Savior and Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ whose loving invitation is to come to this Fountain and live. "Ho, come without money and without price." May it be extended through His church and people to those who are without, who have not yet tasted the good word of life, that these may be gathered into His fold to His praise. We rejoice that the blessed cause is going forward in your lands. May Jesus prosper it, for it is His. He only can do it.

As the state of Society was entered upon, a deep and living exercise was spread over us, and earnest admonition and tender counsel was given forth by dear messengers of the Gospel, whom our Holy Head has at this time sent amongst us, and qualified for His service, up to greater individual faithfulness and devotedness to our living Head, whereby our christian testimonies would be more fully maintained. The mothers were feelingly addressed and invited

to more prayerfulness of spirit for the more sub. bringing their dear children there, whereby they might be kept near them, in the freedom of interchange of mind with mind, and be able to receive a blessing which the Master shall bless for the dear lambs when they shall ask of them bread, and through them also the erring ones be brought back to their Father's house where there is bread enough and to spare. Dear young sisters were touchingly shown the wide fields for usefulness which lies open before them, to aid their dear brothers and associates, in that sweet secret influence for good which they may possess and exercise for their Master. The earnest breathing of soul on our own behalf in the overshadowing presence of heavenly good, has also attended to you that there may be a deepening in the work of grace, and not of Divine life in all our hearts, that the fruits of righteousness may more and more appear and abound in the Church.

We have been favored with harmony of feeling in all the various subjects which have come before us from day to day. The subject of education and Bible instruction has a growing interest. The cause of the Freedmen received an undiminished attention. A sense of the importance of these christian duties has been much awakened by the reading of the reports of these committees.

Now, dear sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all and abound.

With the salutation of love we are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

In again addressing you we desire reverently to acknowledge the overshadowing of heavenly love, which from sitting to sitting has been mercifully felt in this our annual assembly, inviting us once more to thank God and take courage in the belief that He has not yet forgotten to be gracious

We have been blessed in this meeting with the company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose gifted ministry we cannot doubt, by the printings of our ever watchful Shepherd, and whose words of earnest invitation, of encouragement

1867 and sorrow, have been especially comforting.

Very tenderly have the murmurs and the heavy hearted been reminded of the blessed invitation, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest;" that in Jesus there is indeed a balm for every wound. And as we are resolved to come to Him, simply, and unreservedly desiring only to know His will and in the ability which He is pleased to give to do it or to suffer it, how truly shall we realize that His "yoke is easy" and His "burden light;" that "Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace." And how will this watchful earnest seeking unto Him sweetly harmonize all discordant sentiment, enabling us truly to bear each others burdens and in the tenderest love to bring the wanderer to the fold.

Let us not dear sisters shrink from suffering, from whatever cause it arises. Shall we not receive it as from a loving Fathers hand, designed to do us good? Are there not many who can thankfully adopt the language,

"Tis all I bless thee
Most for the severe."?

Mothers have been affectionately entreated to consider their deep responsibility in the charge of their precious offspring, and to look with prayerful earnestness to guide their little feet to Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

Our younger sisters too, have been reminded of the importance of exerting a right influence upon all around them and especially on their brothers. If the sister sees the brother going astray, let her not fail to warn him as one that must give an account.

"Would that we might all both with you and us in more humbly and reverently of Him the great Giver of all things, what part He is pleased to assign to us in life, and whether in a wider or more secluded sphere as ability is afforded, seek steadily and earnestly to honor Him, and Him only.

We acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable epistle, which with similar communications from our dear friends of other Yearly Meetings, we have felt especially refreshing and encouraging.

With the salutations of love we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Being privileged again to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, we have often realized the value of epistolary correspondence, evidencing the Saviour's love in giving to mankind to speak well of His name, in words of comfort and encouragement to one another.

May it be our blessed experience to know the work of Grace perfected in the individual heart, that through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom may be promoted by those who profess His name.

Great is the mystery of godliness; and because the height of this mystery cannot be attained in the wisdom of man, let us seek for the spirit of grace and of supplication whereby our hearts may be brought to understand heavenly mysteries and strengthened with might in the inner man be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. Thus blessed with all spiritual blessings, it might be given us to know that through Christ we have access by one spirit unto the Father, "and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord."

We can sincerely acknowledge that the arm of Divine goodness hath been spread over us, and under a sense of unmerited mercy, many hearts have been contrited before the Lord. "His mercies are new every morning." And in that He hath called out of darkness into marvelous light, let us seek to "show forth out of a good conversation our works in the meekness of wisdom," verifying the truth of the Scripture declaration that "whoso offereth praise glorifieth me, and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God."

While dear sisters we can rejoice with you in the consolations of the gospel, we also sympathize with you in the trials and conflicts that attend the tribulated path that leads to the Heavenly kingdom. Let us bear in mind "That He that promised is faithful." He also said to His followers "Be of good cheer," saying, "I have overcome the world". And how precious is the confirmation of His words, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

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We are favored with the company of dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose labors of Love have been comforting and strengthening to us and we can thankfully acknowledge that during the various deliberations that have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting unity and harmony have prevailed. Precious testimonies have been borne, tending to the encouragement of the beloved youth. Especially such as are teachers have been exhorted to great prayerfulness of spirit in the charge of guiding aright the tender mind which readily receives its bias either for good or evil.

In the unchangable love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, commencing on 7th day the 11th of 6th Mo., 1870.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz.: From

Rhode Island – Sarah R. Tobey, Elizabeth Meader, Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary D. Collins, Ellen M. Buffum, Cynthia J. Brown, Anna L. Dennis, Sarah M. Reynolds, Mary A. Smith, Anna M. Collins, Phebe S. Anthony, Ruth B. Gifford, Deborah G. Moreland, Eulalia Freeborn, Amanda M. Richardson, Esther Chase & Abby P. Chase,

Salem – Hannah Page, Jane P. Hawkes, Abby W. Hall, Lucia Folsom, Sarah P. Nichols, Lydia C. Neal, Jane Nichols, Sarah W. Swett, Hannah B. Sawyer, Alice B. Hoag, Mary C. Bird, Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth B. Winchester.

Sandwich – Mercy W. Wing, Sylvia G. Moreland, Ruth Ann Hazelton, Ruth S. Wood, Anna G. Wood, Mary S. Macomber, Betty S. Potter, Ruth M. Baker, & Mary C. Gifford.

Falmouth – Lydia Winslow, Lucy R. Goddard, Lydia B. Hawkes, S. Jane Cox, Lydia H. Jones, and Phebe M. Fry

Smithfield – Phebe S. Marsh, Ann M. Colton, Abby S. Bailey, Sarah M. Wheeler, Jane S. Wheeler.

Nantucket – Rachel B. Nichols, Anne C. Long, Sybil Jones, Eliza P. Pierce, Lydia P. Frye, & Eliza P. Gardiner, and Content H. Pope

Dover – Hannah G. Sawyer, Susan C. Meader, Lois J. Grant, Eulalia M. Purinton, Lucinda Pinkham, Lydia A. Sawyer, Hannah V. Meader.

Fairfield – Eunice Winslow, Sarah W. Farr, Josepha D. Bailey, Christina W. Hamlin, Mary J. Page, Hannah J. Bailey, Josepha J. Shepherd, Eunice W. Farr, Phebe P. Jones

Whose names being called, there are all present, except six, for the absence of three of whom satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Albert Anthony & Anna S. Anthony.

Salem informs that they have united with Seabrook Monthly

Meeting in the appointment of Robert L. Brown & Mary Alice Brown to the Station of elder

Sandwich informs that Lydia B. Mitchell of Nantucket, an elder, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased, 10th Mo. 16th 1869, aged 82 years and 7 mos; that Rhoda H. Taber, a minister and member of the same Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th Mo. 29th 1869, aged about 74 years.

Falmouth informs that they unite with Falmouth Mon'ly Meeting in the appointment of Mary C. Hawkes & Hannah W. Meader to the station of elders.

Fairfield informs that they have united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Sarah H. Pindar.

Acceptable epistles from our sisters of Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada Yearly Meetings have been received & read.

As we have listened to these messages of Christian sympathy and encouragement and of affectionate & varied counsel, we have felt there was a portion of good for every one of us. We appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and, as way opens for it, prepare essays & reply to those meetings, and present to a future sitting, viz.: Sarah F. Tobey, Gerlande M. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Ann C. Lang, Abigail C. Bude, Lois J. Greene, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Hannah G. Sawyer, Alice Jones, Euhilma W. Howland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna L. Ware, Lydia Dennis, Hannah J. Bailey, Mercy H. Winslow, Peace Jones, Lydia Pope, Sophia D. Bailey, Dorcas F. Tucker, Mary W. Atwater, Susan Taber, Lucinda Pinkham, Ruth S. Wood, Ann Maria Coffin, Phebe R. Gifford, Sybil Jones, Maria Chase, Charity E. Dillingham, Mary C. Bond, Dorcas B. Robinson, Maria Buffington, Anna L. Dennis, Abby S. Ballou, Phebe Marble, Cynthia Bowen, Mary J. Page, Susan Ann Gifford, Abigail H. Hanson, Jane C. Minott, Sarah W. Carr, Julia Ann Hodgdon and Rebecca H. Smiley.

We appoint our friends Lydia P. Fry, Mary D. Collins, Mary A. Smith, Mary C. Hawkes, Mary E. Bond, Rebecca H. Smiley and Cecelia Jane Collins to prepare a summary from the Answers to the Queries, received from the Quarterly Meetings, and present to a future sitting of this meeting

Our hearts have been solemnized this morning in considering the vacant places of beloved sisters who were

mingling with us at our last annual gathering, but whose place in the church militant will know them no more. May the precious memory of those dwell with us, and, following them as they followed Christ, may we be enabled so to walk by the same faith, that when we shall be called from works to rewards, we may be prepared to enter upon the joy and peace of the church triumphant.

We adjourn to the time mutually Friends may meet this P.M.

Afternoon. Met at 4 o'clock

Our Friend Elizabeth Mender, on behalf of the Representatives reported that they were united in proposing Elijah B. Joyce for clerk, and Gertrude W. Cartland for assistant clerk, which being approved by this meeting, they are appointed to those stations for one year.

Having at this time the acceptable company of our beloved Friend, Isaac Robson, from England, satisfactory certificates were read, from the Monthly Meeting of Brighouse, held in the 4th Mo. last, the Quarterly Meeting of Yorkshire, and from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held 17th of 5th Mo. all expressing unity with him as a minister in good esteem, and in this prospect of a religious visit in this land. We extend to him a most cordial welcome, and desire his encouragement.

We have also at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved Friends David H. Bennett from New York Yearly Meeting Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore, Allen Jay from North Carolina, Caroline E. Talbot from Ohio, Robert W. Douglas from Indiana, Eli Newlin & David J. McMillan from Western, James C. Bailey, David Hunt and Lindley M. Hoag and Jane M. F. Cannon from Iowa, and Eliza H. Varney from Canada who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressive of unity with their prospects of a religious visit amongst us.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Maria Willets, an elder, from New York Monthly Meeting, companion to our Friend Deborah C. Thomas; Martha S. Stanley, an elder, and Lydia Maria Stanley, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Robert W. Hodson, an elder, companion to our friend David J. McMillan, and John Newlin, an elder, companion to our friend Eli Newlin, both from Western Yearly Meeting; Abby G. Mendenhall, from Iowa, and

1870. Catharine S. Sayler from Canada Yearly Meeting. Certificates from their several meetings have been read, expressive of unity with them in their present engagements

We have also, in attendance, other dear Friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, without certificates, whose company is truly acceptable.

The Records of this meeting for last year have been read.

An Epistle for last year has been read, and at this time and we desire to give prayerful heed to the valuable Christian instruction therein contained

Adjourned to meet again on 2d day morning, the 13th, at 10 o'clock

Second day Morning. Met according to adjournment. Under, we trust, a solemn sense of the precious influence of our Heavenly Father's love, and of the importance of the engagement, the meeting now entered into a consideration of the State of Society by reading the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings and proceeded therein to the 2d inclusive, then adjourned to the 4th, for this afternoon.

Second day afternoon, - At the hour appointed Friends again assembled and the remaining Queries and Answers were read. A feeling of serious interest has pervaded in the meeting while thus occupied, and many hearts have been saddened in view of the deficiencies presented by the accounts from some of our Subordinate meetings, but we trust as a growth in the Divine life is witnessed amongst us, an increased appreciation of our excellent disciplinary advices will be manifest, and a renewed concern to resist the encroachments of that worldly spirit which not only obstructs our individual advancement in the path of Holiness, but as it finds its way into the Church dims its beauty, diminishes its strength and often causes its precious testimonies to be forgotten or neglected. The frequent non-attendance of our religious meetings has awakened much anxious solicitude on behalf of those who are allowing their minds to be so engrossed with the things of this world, whose this right and holy privilege. May they consider that while seeking to obtain the good of the world by accommodating themselves to its requirements, in a carnal spirit, they are losing the joy, peace and strength of communion with their Heavenly Father. Our society affairs will never really suffer from a conscientious performance of all our religious duties. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof"; and he will bestow upon

his children and trusting children, whether He in his wisdom sees needful for us during the rest journey of this life; and we believe that parents, who, endeavoring in their daily walk to set an example of humble obedience, are faithful in the attendance of meetings, not only on First days, but also in the middle of the week, and who encourage their children in the same careful observance, will realize a blessing to gather both to themselves and their families.

We have been informed that in each yearly meeting with which we are accustomed to meet in very small companies and are sometimes disheartened at the smallness of their numbers so that the language of encouragement has been extended, although our meetings may be small, and silent as to any vocal utterance, we have been reminded that as we are engaged to wait upon Him who is the minister of ministers in silent prayer in that silence which is above all outward silence, we shall be favored to hear the voice, "This is the way, walk ye in it;" seasons of true refreshing will be experienced, we shall be fed with precious food; and as we are alive to the promptings of truth we may also through its constraining power be led to utter words of encouragement or to pour out the soul in supplication unto Him who is waiting to be gracious to his children — and when we are permitted thus to assemble in our meetings for worship do we remember the dear missing ones in prayer? There may be cause for their absence which can be understood only by those who are capable of entering into their feelings. We are warned to go to them in the fullness and love of our Savior, asking him to direct us, and furnish us with words which may be to them a comfort and a strength; if we believe this is our engagement, we shall often be found taking our dear sisters by the hand, saying "Come with me, the table is spread and all things are ready". We shall be found bearing one another's burdens and thus fulfilling the law of Christ.

As the love of our blessed Redeemer rules in our hearts, it will influence our whole conduct; and especially will it prompt faithfulness in our intercourse one with another, watching over each other for good in the Lord; watching out for evil we shall not be inclined to scan our sisters conduct in the spirit of judgment; and when for the honor of truth and the well-being of those around us, we may sometimes be required

1870. to abide to the failings of others, it will always be in love for them realizing the great work there is for us in the privacy of our own hearts - considering our own mistakes and frequent occasion for the kindness & forbearance of others. Thus we are gained time to abide in Christ, who loves us while we are yet enemies, ability will be given to pray for those who trespass against us, to bring them to the Saviour and leave them there; and he will accomplish more than any words of ours, which if offered in our own strength will only tend to widen the breach.

"He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, & God in him." "If we love not our brother whom we have seen, how shall we love God whom we have not seen?" Let us be very watchful lest we indulge in any strife or evil-speaking or any thing which may retard the work of grace in our own hearts. When presenting ourselves before the Lord, if we feel there is a want of love in our hearts for a dear brother or sister, may we remember this solemn charge of our blessed Redeemer, "Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother and then come & offer thy gift"

Our dear young friends, many of whom are with us, evincing much religious thoughtfulness and an increasing interest in the affairs of the church, have claimed the tender sympathy of their older sisters, and words of sweet encouragement and counsel have been truly offered.

Mothers also have been feelingly addressed by dear friends who, from their own experience, could bear touching testimony to the efficacy of an affectionate mother's prayers. They have been exhorted to keep very near the feet of the dear Savior, for this alone, as they learn their own weakness, by following his leadings are they prepared to point out the way to their beloved children.

The very early training of children, the duty & responsibility of bringing them in the fear of the Lord, has been impressively brought to view. What prayerfulness it requires; what watchfulness over them and over ourselves that these little lambs may be trained for heaven. Are not some of us too much engaged in training them for earth, for the honors and riches of this world? Do not some of us forget that these treasures are lent us, it may

to for a little season, and in faith, that they may be taken from us? Although a pious mother may meet with many discouragements in the training which she feels constrained to give her children, may she remember the Lord's grace is sufficient for all seasons in which her weakness may be felt; there is no want which he is not able to supply.

The unspeakable privilege of knowing Christ to be our Savior, our Guide and Comforter, has been developed, and we rejoice in the belief that there are many, not only here but among our dear absent sisters, who have in this safe habitation - this garden enclosed, who are walking with Jesus in newness of life, in the joy and peace of believing and bearing diligently for Him in the obedience of living faith! May these, daily partaking of the living waters, wherein they have been refreshed, neither faint nor grow weary in well-doing, but remain faithful unto the end, that so they may realize the promise verified, "In due time ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

But while thus assured that the Lord God many humble faithful ones - the old and the young rejoicing together in Christ their Redeemer and sweetly blending their influence for the promotion of his cause seeking to gather the wandering ones into his flock the hearts of doubting servants have been introduced into deep exercise on behalf of those who are still unmindful of their true Relief good, spending the spring time, the summer and even the autumn of their days in paths of their own choosing, and turning away from the light and blessedness of the Savior's cross. Fervent prayers have ascended to the Lord of the harvest, which we trust will be answered to the awakening of many souls unto righteousness, the sending of more laborers into his vineyard.

We gratefully commemorate the goodness of our Heavenly Father in blessing the feet of his anointed and qualified messengers to labor in this part of his harvest field, who have been fed and encouraged with their sweet words of counsel, exhortation and prayer.
Not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy name, O Lord, be all the glory.

Our beloved friend Enos H. Neall, companion to our friend James E. Bailey, is acceptably in attendance

1870. of this meeting and has presented a minute of encouragement
from the Darby & Ashby Meeting, Iowa.

We adjourn to meet in joint session with men Friends at 9
o'clock to morrow morning

Third day Morning

Friends met in joint session pursuant to adjournment.

Our esteemed Friends, Eli and Sybil Jones, who at this time
returned the certificates granted them for the 9th month
1866, to make a religious visit in the love of the gospel
in foreign lands, and they informed this meeting that
they have been enabled, through Divine mercy, to accom-
plish the arduous labors they had in prospect, and to
return with the reward of peace.

They have presented to this meeting a copy of a minute
from the meeting of ministers and elders held in London
on the 26th of 7th mo. 1869, expressive of their appreciation
of their services, and satisfactive unity with them
in the arduous labors in which they have been engaged.

They inform the meeting that have visited Ireland,
England, Scotland, France, Italy, Asia Minor, Palestine
and some places on the borders of the Mediterranean; that
they have visited missions, and held meetings among Mahom-
etans, Pagans, Jews and others in all of which places there was an
open door and the gospel message was received with thankfulness
and joy.

During this season while we have been listening to the in-
structive narrative of our dear friends, a very solemn covering of
Divine love was spread over us, and we were made thankful
under a humbling sense of the care extended towards them in
their travels, for the protection and preservation from dangers,
perils by sea & perils by land, to which they have been exposed
and our hearts were united together in thanksgiving and
praise to a Superintending Providence for all these favors &
for their safe return to their friends

Adjourned to meet again, in separate sitting, at 3 o'clock this P.M.

Afternoon. — An interesting epistle from
our sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been received and
read at this time, and its contents have been encouraging
and edifying to us.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings
for the past year have been laid before us by men Friends

and a portion of them read. The proceedings of that meeting, especially with reference to carrying out the concern for the Western tribes of Indians, have been interesting and acceptable to us. The report of the committee in charge of the Mission School in the city of Washington, and other benevolent work for the benefit of the freed people of color, has been received and read, which, with the recommendations contained therein, is approved. The Report is as follows

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the freed people of color present their 6th annual report

Near the first of the 9th month 1869, our mission and schools at Washington were re-opened, under the care of our Superintendents, John C. and Hannah Cox and our former Principal Hannah S. Macomber with four assistants Mary E. Cox, Susan H. Pierce, Mary E. Jenkins and Elizabeth P. Nichols. This was a month earlier than in any previous year, as we believed that it would be for the interest of the school. We commenced with about 175 scholars, and before the end of the month had received all we could accommodate, in our four rooms, numbering 256. with constant applications from others, whom we were reluctantly obliged to refuse. The scholars this year have been between the ages of 6 and 17 years, means of instruction for those older, being furnished by the evening schools at the Lincoln Institute near by. Many of our children were of a better class than heretofore Some of the parents accompanying them and promising to visit the schools and cooperate with the teachers. We feel much rejoiced at this proof of the interest of the parents in the welfare of their children. The attendance in the schools has never been better nor the progress of the pupils more satisfactory than this year. The children are more neat and orderly and better clothed. Nearly all have supplied themselves with books.

A vacation of one week was taken at the close of the year, and a little festival given to the School; the scholars were collected in the School room, spoke pieces & recited the story of the birth of Christ, as found in Luke, second chapter, after which each received a present of a book or illuminated card and other small articles, the means to procure which were supplied by general contributions from our friends in various parts of the

1870. Yearly Meeting. Parents and children were well pleased & satisfied

During the recess Hannah S. Macomber visited about forty families, most of them some of the older children. She writes, "I found quite a number of them very comfortable and pleasant. The people are still poor very poor, struggling with ignorance and all the degrading effects of slavery. But they are improving - have already improved wonderfully. Go to the Howard University. See the young men in the college class who have had but three years of study. Come to our Mission School. See the little boys, members of my first class who entered our school four years ago not knowing their letters. They can now read well, write a legible hand, have a good general knowledge of geography, the fundamental rules of Arithmetic and of U. States money. Go to their homes and see how hard their parents are laboring to feed, clothe and educate their families; and these are only some of the many." Their preacher speaks most feelingly of their patient waiting and praying until the hour of their deliverance from slavery came; and we cannot but hope that with the Divine blessing and their present advantages, they will become an industrious, educated people.

The school trustees of schools in Washington have rendered some assistance in providing school-room furniture, and have also visited our schools, expressing great satisfaction and thankfulness at the work that is being so thoroughly done here for this people, referring other teachers to them as model schools.

A large and interesting First day School has been maintained with increasing interest, numbering 121 scholars under the care of 14 teachers composed of our own mission family together with several young men from the city who have kindly and generously given their assistance in this interesting work, and have also united in a teachers' meeting, one evening in the week for the study of the lesson and other First-day school subjects. They have also a First day School library, numbering seventy volumes the valuable gift of our friend, Charles Taber, of New Bedford, including books interesting temperance stories calculated to arouse the careless and intemperate.

There is already quite an interest awakening in the

temperance cause, and we believe another powerful auxiliary in this very important reform would be the passage of a bill some time since presented to Congress, for the suppression of liquor selling in the district of Columbia.

Sarah E. Wall continues her interest and her labors for the improvement of this people. She remained in Washington during a part of the summer vacation, devoting her time to teaching the women and girls sewing, cutting and fitting garments together, and mending. For the winter she opened a sewing school, averaging about 75 scholars, for the girls who attend our schools. Many of them had been before taught to sew nicely, and her chief aim the past winter has been to teach them the more difficult parts of cutting and fitting garments together; and their improvement has been very satisfactory. She also has a morning class for women and grown-up girls, on her plan of last Summer and they are very much interested in their work. During the past year she has given out about one hundred garments to be made by poor women in their homes, to help them in getting clothing for themselves; but her main object is to teach them to sew and mend, rather than to furnish employment, as the Lincoln Institute, near by us, has an industrial school, where they can obtain employment as well as have once learned to sew and fit their work. She says, "Those sections of the city where no industrial school of any kind has been established are the ones which furnish most of the examples of extreme destitution & degradation in Washington, another convincing proof of the necessity of healthful employment as one great means of elevating them temporally and morally." She acknowledges the receipt, during the past winter, of several valuable contributions of clothing from Lynn, Salem, Newburyport, New Bedford, Longplain (Holliston and Westboro (R. Island); all of which, she says "have made glad many hearts, and, I believe, have been, in every instance, worthily bestowed." She requests us particularly to mention the receipt from a friend in Salem, of fourteen workboxes, which have been given, from time to time, as rewards to those who have made the most improvement in sewing. They were very nice presents, and the little girls who received them were very much pleased.

She continues, "The prospect is, that there will be as much need, another year as before, and it will so continue to be,

until their many thousands of idle men shall become self-supporting through their own labor. Their almost superstitious faith in the government holds them here with a force that even starvation itself cannot shake. What shall be done with them?"

This committee have under our care three young women, who are being fitted for teachers in the normal School of the Howard Institute. The expenses of their education are not defrayed from the funds of this Yearly meeting, but from money received for this purpose from a fund called the "English School Fund for the Training of Teachers".

Several members of the committee have visited the Mission at different times during the year, and have been well satisfied with the management of the family and the progress and improvement of the scholars. We feel, as heretofore, that our school enjoys peculiar advantages in providing a home for the teachers under the care of our valued friends, John C. and Hannah Gove.

Our corps of teachers have been all that we could desire - earnest and faithful in their work, and, we believe, conscientiously desirous to promote the best welfare of the children under their care. The family circle has been a harmonious & happy one, and the influence exerted has been beneficial to all within its reach.

Meetings for religious worship have been regularly held at the mission, on First-day mornings which have been attended by the few members of our Society who reside in Washington, & frequently also by strangers temporarily in the city; and Friends traveling in the ministry, have often found a comfortable home under its hospitable roof.

The whole amount of expense of the Mission for the past year including expense of government buildings and taxes has been $3.398 30/100. Balance now on hand $1.131 57/100.

By the financial report of our proceedings it will be observed that the balance of funds remaining on hand at the close of our school year will be about one thousand dollars ($1000). This sum together with the income arising from the rent of the lands and from other sources will be nearly sufficient to maintain our operations for another year. And in view of the success which has attended our efforts in the past and the continued need which is still manifest among this class in Washington, we are united in recommending that the schools be continued another year. On behalf of the Committee Edw^d M. Hoag

Newport 6th Mo. 13th 1870. Ann B. Earle

Note:- Contributions of money, clothing or other articles for the benefit of the freedmen will be gladly received by the committee, & may be sent to our friends Wm C. Taber of New Bedford, or Charles F. Coffin of Lynn, who will forward them for the sick & needy in Washington. Cotton cloth, calico, stocking yarn are especially desirable.

The attention given to this interesting concern is gratefully appreciated by Friends, and as it appears our efforts are still needed in that direction, it is concluded to continue the mission another year, under the care of the same committee

Committee - Ann B. Earle, Gulielma W. Howland, Ellen N. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Elizabeth Boyce, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Hannah B. Ford, Susan Taber, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Penhall, Mercy Osborne, Margaret B. Cates, Hannah B. Sawyer

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

4th. day Morning Friends met pursuant to adjournment

Essays & Epistles to New York, North Carolina, Western, Iowa and Canada have been read and approved

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon

P.M. Met near the 4th hour.

The committee having charge of the Boarding School presented the following Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their annual report of the condition of the Boarding-School at Providence, the committee feel themselves authorized to state that the standing of the institution, as one of the first of its class, under the management of its present board of officers has been maintained; harmony and good order have prevailed and they have been comforted in observing an increasing sense of religious obligation among its inmates, and in not a few cases undoubted proofs of a growth in Christian life, have been witnessed. They can also, with thankfulness report that no severe case of illness has occurred at the School during the past year.

The number of pupils during the autumn term was one hundred and seventy two viz.: one hundred and eight boys & sixty four girls. In the spring term one hundred and sixty eight, viz.: one hundred and seven boys, & sixty one girls.

The officers of the school have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department;

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Jr. & D. Lowell, Thomas J. Bailey, Bessie S. King, Martha E. Read & Mary Ann Collins teachers of English branches; Wm B. Phillips, teacher of ancient & modern languages; Daniel C. Maxfield teacher of mathematics and Catharine M. Austin, teacher of drawing.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First day forenoons & in the middle of the week. First day afternoons are occupied in scriptural instruction and reading, and portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled School in each department, in the morning and before retiring for the night.

In our report of last year it was stated that the net earnings of the School, as near as could be estimated was $3,547, but on definitely closing up the yearly accounts it was found that the further sum of $766 81/100 had been realized from the business of the year, reducing the debt then existing to $10,868 26/100. The report of the building committee now shows that, as near as can be ascertained, the income of the school to the end of the present term will exceed its expenses, including interest paid, by the sum of $4,957 42/100, which deducted from the amount of debt above, leaves the present indebtedness $5,910 77/100.

From this favorable result we may infer that, with the Divine blessing, one more year of reasonable success will nearly finish the payment for the new building.

It must be a source of satisfaction to Friends of this Yearly Meeting to know that while the character and usefulness of the School have been kept up, and the charge for board & tuition to our own members, has not been greater than is charged at other ~~Yearly Meetings~~ similar Schools, there has been paid during the past six years, from the earnings of the establishment towards the valuable improvements that have been made in the school buildings the sum of twenty six thousand dollars.

We would propose that the charge for board & tuition the coming school year of forty weeks to members of our Yearly Meeting be reduced to one hundred & twenty dollars, and that no change be made at this time in the price to other classes of Scholars.

Proposed Schedule of Prices & Tuition &c per annum

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$120.
For members of other Yearly Meetings or where one or both parents are members of our religious Society	$190.
& do Scholars sent at the expense of such	
For all others who may be admitted	$300.

An additional charge of $1.00 dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German or Drawing, one half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess

From information received from the treasurer of the School fund, it appears that the income from the charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, will warrant the admission of eighteen scholars, the evening school year.

A contribution in aid of our charitable funds referred to in our report last year, amounting to one thousand eight hundred dollars, has been received and paid over to the treasurer of the School funds. While we commend the liberality of those who have contributed of the means wherewith the Lord has prospered them to this good work, we would urge upon all our dear friends throughout the Yearly Meeting, the consideration whether they will not also lend a helping hand herein, that those more of our members who could not otherwise enjoy the benefit of the School, might be assisted in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in their generation under the fostering care of the Society.

On behalf & by direction of the Committee

Wm. C. Taber, Clerk

Note. - The first half year begins 9th mo. 7th 1871; closes 1st mo. 25th 1871.

Winter recess begins 1st mo. 25th 1871.; closes 2d mo. 8th 1871.

Second half year begins 2d mo. 8th 1871; closes 6th mo. 28th 1871.

Regulations of the School Committee. - Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half-year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as, in the arrangement of classes & studies, reference is made, primarily, to those who remain throughout the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the School, and it will, therefore, be perceived, that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Application for admission for the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 2d & 8th mo. next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence & all there to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified; and in all cases information is required of the age, moral habits and literary

acquirements of the applicants. Applications for admission should be made to the principal. Address. Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' School Providence R. I.

which is satisfactory; to, and the Friends who served last year are re-appointed to unite with a similar portion of our Friends, in the superintendence of the School the ensuing year, with the exception of our beloved Friend Rhoda H. Taber, deceased; Guilelma Freeborn is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby

Committee — Sarah K. Tobey, Eliza B. Bowne, Mary C. Hawkes, Ann K. Collon, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Gertrude W. Cartland, Dorcas B. Robinson, Ann B. Earle, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas S. Tucker, Anna T. Dennis, Guilelma W. Hanbury, Phebe R. Gifford, Sophia D. Bailey & Guilelma Freeborn.

Essays of Epistles to London & Ohio have been read & approved

We adjourn to 3 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon,

Fifth day afternoon — Met agreeably to adjournment

The Committee on Education presented the following Report, viz.; —

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Committee on Education submit the following Report

The members of this committee, being scattered as they are throughout New England, have not been that opportunity for conference & consultation which they could have desired. Several meetings have, however, been held during the year, viz.; two at Newport in the 6th mo. last, one at Lynn in the 8th month, one at Casablanca in the 9th month, one at Providence in the 2d month, and two since coming to this island at the present time.

These meetings have all been occasions of interest, and we doubt not have done something towards promoting the object for which this committee was appointed, and especially in the direction of promoting First day Schools and Bible instruction, a work which this committee feels much as Guest, believing it to be intimately connected with the best interests of this Society.

Circulars were sent to our correspondents in the different Monthly Meetings, immediately after our last Yearly Meeting, calling their attention to the importance of giving prompt attention to these Schools within their limits, in order to be able, at the end of the year, to give a definite

statement respecting the attendance and condition of each.
Three circulars, in most instances, had the desired effect; but it
is evident to the committee that the only correct way to obtain
statistics, touching the information desired by the Yearly Meeting
is for the Yearly Meeting to insist upon the Monthly Meetings
appointing special committees for this purpose; for if the sub-
ject is worthy of consideration at all, it is important that the
information coming to the Yearly Meeting should be strictly
reliable. And inasmuch as the subject of the number of mem-
bers is likewise among the queries to which answers are desired from
our correspondents, the committee suggests & recommends that
lists of members of each Monthly Meeting alphabetically arrang-
ed and clearly drawn up shall be placed in some conspicuous
place in each Meeting House of Friends where a Monthly Meeting
is held, where their accuracy and completeness can be ascertain-
ed by all interested, and such lists renewed, year by year, shall
be the basis from which the number of members be compiled.
We believe the following summary to be very nearly correct:--

Queries	
1. The No. children of the Meeting between 5 & 21 years of age.	848.
2. " of Monthly Meeting Schools	1.
3. " Preparative " "	1.
4. " Family "	6.
5. " Children who have attended School during the past year	733.
6. " attended Schools taught by Friends or under their control	187.
7. " obtaining education at Academies & Colleges not under care of Friends	42.
8. " of your members engaged in teaching	115.
9. " of First day Schools under the care of Friends	66.
10. What portion of the year has each been held	8 mo.
11. The whole No. attending	2737.
12. " average "	1756.
13 " No. Friends attending	1070.
14 " " over 21 yrs of age	917.
15 " " Friends do	628.
16 " " teachers engaged in them	255.
17 No. particular meetings without Sab. School or Bible class	18.
18 " Bible Classes not connected with First Day Schools	14.
19 What portion of the year has each been held (average)	7.
20 Whole No. belonging	303.
21 Average " attending the same	202.
22 No. Friends belonging "	221.

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23.	No. of births during the year ending 5th Mo. 1. 1870.		34.
24.	" admitted by request		31.
25.	" added by certificate from other Yearly Meetings		4.
26.	" removed " to " "		43.
27.	" deceased		75.
28.	" disowned or released		17.
29. Whole	" members belonging to this meeting 3mo. 1. 1870.		4500

While this statement may not be all that we could desire it has at least some encouraging features especially with reference to First day Schools and Scriptural instruction

It appears, by reference to our Book of Records, that in the year 1851, when the number of First-day Schools was first reported to the Yearly Meeting, there were but 16 in all, with an attendance of 533; of whom 374 were members of our Religious Society, being only about 24 per cent of the number of children reported for that year; while, at the present time, the whole number receiving instruction in these Schools is 3040 the number of Friends connected with such, including teachers, being 1328, or about 30. per cent of the whole number of members

The number of children of Friends attending these Schools between the ages of 5 and 21. is 442- about 30 per cent of the whole number of children in the Yearly Meeting. In this connection it should be borne in mind that quite a number of Friends and Friends' children are connected with union Schools not reported in this account.

It appears from the returns that the number not members of our Society attending First-day Schools under the care of Friends is 1667, viz., 289 adults, and 1378 children

Another encouraging feature is the establishment in various sections of the Yearly Meeting during the past year of several Quarterly Meeting conferences for the purpose of encouraging Scriptural instruction, and it is to be hoped, considering the good influence of these conferences in various directions, that before another Yearly Meeting there may be such an association formed in each Quarterly Meeting within our limits

We have still to regret that 18 of our meetings are reported as without First day Schools, against 21 last year.

Some of these meetings, however, are very small. Six new Schools have been established where none existed last year, and efforts are reported which, we hope, will increase

this number in future reports. Our meeting reports an assembly on first day afternoon, when the Scriptures are read, followed by a season of social worship; and we learn of other similar gatherings not reported, where good seems to result.

Are there not other small meetings up and down in our land, where, if Friends were earnestly engaged to ask the direction and aid of the Lord, they would find many ways of serving him? Let us seek for more full consecration of will & power to Christ, and more faithful obedience to the leadings of his Holy Spirit; for it may be with some of us "the time is short".

And while we would impress upon Friends the importance of giving increased attention to the interesting subject of scriptural instruction, we would urge upon them the importance of grasping the whole subject of education in its broadest and most comprehensive sense, for the head as well as the heart needs educating in order to perform in the best manner the responsible duties that are daily devolving upon us as members of a religious society claiming, through Christ, individual priesthood before God. And the more fully this solemn truth is recognized, the greater become our responsibility.

"Knowledge is power", and hence the importance of developing the whole man mentally as well as spiritually, for, when such knowledge is consecrated to God, it becomes a powerful agency in the Lord's hand in promulgating religious truth and in building up the Redeemer's kingdom among men.

It is therefore clearly the duty of N.C. Yearly Meeting to make ample provision for the liberal education of the youth of our people and especially for such as are so circumstanced as to be unable to provide the means of such education for themselves.

We hope that Friends may be encouraged & stimulated to make personal sacrifices, if need be, for the thorough, guarded education of their children. We believe there never has been a time in the history of our Society when such care was more needed or when such effort would be more richly rewarded.

Never, never was a time when intelligent, consecrated Friends could labor more successfully than now in the service of their Master; for, while there is a tendency in the human mind to follow the leading spirits of the age, saying "Lo, here is Christ!" or rejecting Him altogether, there is a growing conviction that whatever is to be experimentally known of God is manifest in man.

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If, then, we would continue to fill that position as a religious society which our Father in Heaven would have us occupy and in disseminating those primitive doctrines of Christianity recognized as truth by our early Friends, we must not only continue to advocate this great cause of education but contribute more liberally for its support

Signed on behalf of the Committee

J. H. Cropsman, Clerk.

which is satisfactory and encouraging. The committee who served last year are continued to unite with a similar committee of men Friends in attending to this very important and interesting concern the ensuing year, with the exception of Abby Dennis, who has removed from R. Island Monthly Meeting and Abigail C. Bede, removed from Sandwich Monthly Meeting; Cynthia J. Bowen and Abigail Gould are appointed to fill those vacancies.

Committee. – Cynthia J. Earle, Anna Gould, Ellen K. Buffum, Phebe S. Gifford, Anna B. Smith, Anna M. Eve, Mary B. Breed, Hannah G. Dillingham, Susan Jaber, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Hetty S. Potter, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Esther Jones, Eunice D. Garland, Mary C. Hambo, Lydia M. Pope, Abigail Wheeler, Lydia B. Dodge, Martin Aldrich, Margaret B. Coles, Narcissa Jacobs, Almira S. Hansom, Lydia C. Sawyer, Hannah W. Meader, Louisa M. Briggs, Silpha J. Shepherd, Sarah A. Winslow, Cynthia J. Bowen, Abigail Gould.

Essays & Epistles to Dublin, Baltimore and Indiana have been read & approved. The clerk is directed to sign them, together with those read at previous sittings and forward them to those meetings respectively

The Committee on the revision of our Discipline presented the following Report viz.; –

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the revision of the Book of Discipline report, that during the past year considerable progress has been made in the work.

Under the arrangement agreed upon which is substantially the plan of the London work, a brief but comprehensive article upon our Christian belief & doctrines has been written and the greater portion of the several Essays on Christian Practice has been prepared, and the whole has been assigned to sub-committees.

The plan adopted anticipates, however, a thorough re-examination of every article and essay, and to carry this out requires still further time before the presentation of a final report.

For the committee

Charles Taber } clerks
Ann B. Earle }

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which is accepted; and the committee are continued, and desired to give further attention to the subject and report to this meeting next year

Women's Committee, Gulielma M. Cartland, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Cynthia Bowen, Mary C. Reed, Lydia Pope, Hannah B. Sawyer, Mary Alice Brown, Rachel S. Haviland, Phebe R. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Rebecca C. Gifford, Eunice G. Rich, Jane C. Minett, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Jones, Ann B. Earle, Ann W. Colton, Peace Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Eliza P. Varney, Lois J. Crane, Mary J. Page, Emeline S. Mosher, Eliza B. Bogue, Abigail M. Hanson, Lydia Congdon, Gulielma M. Haviland, Abby S. Bailey, Sarah Osborne, Emily C. Dudley, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Abigail C. Bede, Susan J. Meader, Fanny C. Pinkham, Sophia C. Bailey, Elizabeth C. King, Dorcas C. Tucker.

The report of the committee of men friends who have charge of the Penobscot & Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, has been read at this time, which was interesting & acceptable to us.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

Sixth Day Morning, the 17th. The meeting again assembled according to adjournment

The clerk is directed to sign, on behalf of this meeting the following minute for our friend Deborah C. Thomas, viz.: "Our beloved friend Deborah C. Thomas attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.", and similar ones for our friends Caroline C. Talbot, Eliza H. Varney, and Jane M. F. Varney.

The clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for our friend Maria Willets, viz.; "Our beloved friend, Maria Willets acceptably attended this meeting.", and similar ones for our friends Katherine J. Taylor, Abby G. Mendenhall, Martha C. Stanley and Lydia Maria Stanley

The clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among the families of Friends.

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of those who have been in membership with us, but on various accounts have lost that right; and also for the descendants of such and for other non-members who manifest an attachment to Friends by attending our meetings; and under a belief that a responsibility rests upon us, and a religious duty is required of us towards such, Monthly Meetings were encouraged to appoint committees to visit them in the spirit of gathering and restoring love, and labor with them in the ability afforded in order to bring them into the bosom of the church, manifesting the interest and solicitude of Moses towards Hobab, his brother-in-law, witnessed by the kind invitation "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

We have thankfully to acknowledge, that while many of us came up to this Annual Assembly in much weakness and poverty, a sense of the living presence & watchful care of Him who is the Author of all our sure mercies, the preserver and helper of his people, has been graciously vouchsafed from day to day to our comfort & encouragement.

We have been enabled to transact the important business which has come before us, we trust, in that Spirit which distinguishes those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. And now as the hour of separation draws near, commending each other, as well as our dear absent sisters, unto Him who is able to keep us by the power of his grace, and, finally, present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, we conclude, proposing to meet at this place on 5th day after the 2d sixth day in the 6th Mo. next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce - Clerk

Epistles

From the New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held on Rhode Island in the sixth month 1870.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London

Dear Sisters

We believe it is in a measure of that love which brings all the friends of Truth, however widely they may be separated, in the great Harvest field very near to each other in spirit, that we are drawn to address you at this time.

Professing to be followers of the same Lord and baptized into Christ by the power of the same spirit, there is a bond of living sympathy between all the true ~~followers~~ disciples, and it is often their privilege through messages of love - messages dictated by the Master - to strengthen and edify one another.

As we are thus preserved in union with our Holy Head, "this Golden cord of the saints' fellowship", though called to labor in different parts of the vineyard, and having various allotments, a heavenly harmony will pervade our work and all will tend to the same glorious result, even the establishment of the dear Redeemer's kingdom, when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea"

Our meetings have been largely attended, but a feeling of solemnity has been the clothing of our spirits as vacant seats have reminded us of dear departed ones who have been as mothers in Israel, but whose places in the church militant will know them no more. One after another of these pillars is thus removed, but while sensible of the loss sustained, we are grateful for the evidence afforded that the framing hand of the wise Master-builder is preparing others to become lively stones in his spiritual temple.

Among all classes, and specially among our younger members a deeper, more fervent engagement is apparent to give themselves unreservedly to Christ and be taught in his school - to have their appointed spheres of usefulness in the church & labor for its prosperity

We have received interesting reports from our committees on Indian & Freedmen's affairs, and feel that the door opens more and more widely for earnest Christian effort on behalf of those

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The subject of Education continues to claim our prayerful concern. We are encouraged by the increased attention given to the Study of the Holy Scriptures in our families and schools, and by the desire evinced to furnish, within our own Society, facilities for higher intellectual culture.

Your last epistle, with those from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings we esteem as renewed tokens of our Heavenly Father's love, and acknowledge with grateful hearts the company of dear friends who are visiting us, in the love of Christ, from your land and from nearly all the Yearly Meetings on this continent. We also welcome at this time our dear friends, Eli & Sybil Jones, who, after a long period of religious service abroad, have returned to us with the sweet reward of peace. The account they have given of their labors has been truly satisfactory.

During the sittings of this meeting, we have been favoured to enjoy many seasons of sweet, spiritual communion together - heavenly bread has been broken for us to the refreshing of our spirits, the strengthening of our faith; and, now, as the time for separating approaches in love one for another, extending to all the churches, we bid you, beloved sisters, an affectionate farewell, desiring to be sharers with you in obedience to the apostolic injunction "As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, established in the faith and abounding therein with thanksgiving".

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Elvira B. Boyce, Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Dublin

Dear Sisters

Being permitted, through the mercy of God, to meet once more in this our Annual gathering, our hearts are lifted in gratitude to God for the blessings of nature & of grace - for the intercourse with beloved friends and for the blessed privilege of renewed communion with the Father

of our Spirits. Your acceptable epistle has been read in our meeting, and has comforted and strengthened our souls; and we have derived in the renewed assurance that the bond of union is reciprocal between the Followers of the Redeemer, wherever situated, in accordance with his gracious petition, "That they may be one even as we are one - I in them and thou in me that they may be made perfect in one" We have had, at this time, the very acceptable company of our friend, Isaac Robson, from England and of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings on this continent, whose Christian counsels and messages of gospel love have been comforting and encouraging to us, returning them as fresh proofs of our Heavenly Father's continued regard. We have been reminded of the blessed truth that "God is love", and that in the strongest evidence of his love to us is found in the reproofs of instruction & warning in the reproaches, his voice reproving for sin & recalling to the path of rectitude & obedience. We must guard against considering these as proofs of his displeasure, but rather regard them as evidences of his mercy & forbearance, and his desire that none of us should perish but that all "should return, repent and live". We believe the great anthem proclaimed by the angels at the birth of our blessed Redeemer, "Peace on Earth, good will to men" remains in full force to the present, and will so remain to all coming time. "Love is of God", and therefore it is a great power in the world and will become more effectual to the overcoming of evil, as we come better to understand it ourselves & trust more to its influence on others. "O sweet simplicity of love which sub the God of love in every place at every time!" In our joys and our sorrows, in sickness & health in prosperity and adversity sanctifying the one & sustaining under & blessing the other. May none be so unwise as to refuse the gracious offers of this Divine love to our souls, but may every one gratefully accepting the terms of salvation by Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ come to him in true humility with the language of the Psalmist - "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee Thy face, Lord, will I seek"

Our meeting has been large & the affairs of the Church have been transacted in Harmony. Many important subjects have claimed our attention. The interests of the Red People of color and of the deeply wronged aborigines of our country, many of whom are now under the care of our religious society, have claimed our warm sympathy, while the warning openings for useful service in the great Harvest-field - which is the world -

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prize not by First day Schools. Mission schools & their labors of love have deeply interested us.

We have gladly welcomed at this time our dear friends Eli & Sybil Jones after their long absence, and the accounts they have given us of their gospel labors in your country & the more remote lands where they believed themselves called in the service of their Divine Master, has been very interesting to us; and we would gratefully acknowledge the kindness of dear friends in Ireland, towards them. "Verily" I say unto you" inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me"

"Finally, Sisters, Farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you". With the salutation of love, we remain your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting
Eliza B. Boyce, Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in New York

Beloved sisters

Having again been permitted to meet in this our annual assembly, our hearts have been raised with gratitude to the Giver of all good that we have been privileged to enjoy the blessing of epistolary correspondence with your and other Yearly Meetings. Your messages of love fraught with so much Christian counsel and words of comfort and cheer have been truly welcome to us. They bind us closer together in that bond of true christian love and fellowship which knows no bounds but extends to all the human family but especially to those who are of the "household of faith".

Our meeting has been largely attended by our own members and the Lord has manifested his loving kindness and tender care over us by sending many of his dear servants from afar to meet with us at this time, & we have been pleased to help and break much of the precious bread of life and give it to us through the instrumentality of these faithful ones. May none of it be lost, nor their "words return unto them void" but may the seed sown have fed deep soil wherein to grow and bear fruit to the honor of the Great Husbandman. May you with us, dear

Sisters, to watch continually within in the true fear of God, that we may receive from him that nourishment which will enable us to be ever found prayerful in the spirit of worship in the house of prayer" but more & we are not satisfied with anything less than a thorough regeneration of heart. Unless we are born again we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Let mothers, especially, strive in every possible manner effectually to impress this truth upon the minds of their children. As earliest impressions are deepest and most lasting how very important it is that children should be early taught this, which is essential to their present happiness and their eternal welfare.

And, you, dear sisters, who are yet young in religious experience, remember that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps". Therefore, watch carefully the promptings of the Holy Spirit, that, being led and guided into all truth, you may avoid even making a shadow of him who is constantly striving to allure us from the watch-tower, in order that he may gain us as his victims.

Let those who know the love of Christ, manifest it by obeying his commandment to go and labor in his vineyard, thus showing their faith by their works. There is a large field now open for earnest laborers. The subjects of First-day Schools, Bible classes, Mission Schools, the cause of Peace, the Freedmen's interests and Indian affairs are increasingly claiming the attention and enlisting the sympathies of friends. The Lord has thus set before us an open door. Let us each inquire of him what he would have us to do, and then do it with our might, making no excuse; being concerned to make our own calling and election sure, and also to be the means in his Holy hands of hastening the time when "the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea"

And now, in that love which, by its holy influence comes to our hearts together, we bid you God speed in the good work in which you are engaged, and desire your lasting happiness and everlasting salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory, forevermore!

Signed by direction of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk.

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We salute you, beloved Sisters, in the language of the apostle "Grace be with you and mercy and peace from God, the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father in truth and love." Very precious has been the evidence at this time of the continued love and tender care of our Father in heaven not only shown by his turning the feet of many of his messengers towards us and enabling them to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ, but by his living presence at seasons manifested in our midst.

"Truly God is good to Israel"; and the acknowledgment of praise has arisen from many hearts.

As we gathered this year we were sorrowfully reminded that dear and valued ones had been taken from among us & that the place that had known them should know them no more. We miss their living presence and gentle words of counsel and of cheer. Our hearts mourn our loss, but we know in whom they believed, & we trust them to their Savior. They gave themselves to Him on earth & we leave them to His love in the world of bliss. By faith we see their crowns, robes and consecrated feet and hear their rapturous songs of praise. May their bright example also animate us to press on in the path of present duty, under the assurance that, through faithfulness, the same picture may in the end be ours.

Earnestly have our desires that we might more fully realize the blessing of abiding in Christ. How great & rich and full is His own gracious promise, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you". And this is the confidence that we have in Him that if we ask anything, according to His will, he heareth us."

Having thus preceding dear & precious promises, dear Sisters, let us make them our own through living faith, and, resting on Him who is mighty to save, and able to perfect that which concerneth us go trusting by our way, believing that He will keep that which we have committed unto him, against that day.

We feel deeply interested, at this time, in the counsel given by our dear friends who have been

Sojourning & laboring in foreign lands. Our gospel messengers, sent forth by the Head, were cordially welcomed when the gospel was first preached, and amid many dangers & hardships & dangers seen & unseen, were mercifully helped to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation through Christ; and we trust their efforts have been blessed to the glory of God.

The condition of the aborigines of our country has claimed our attention, and in a large meeting held at this time the report of the labors of friends in this cause deeply interested us, and our sympathy was strongly enlisted in their behalf.

Our efforts in the cause of the Freedmen have been continued during the year & we trust have resulted to their benefit.

The subject of First-day Schools for Scriptural instruction has engaged our serious consideration. We are encouraged not only by the extension of the work since last year, but by the evidence afforded that the means have been blessed to many, and under its instrumentality, some have been made willing to submit to the yoke of Christ & have experienced a change of heart.

There are different fields in which work can be done for the dear Master. May we ask for a more full consecration of will and purpose to the cause of Christ; and thus know all our sins to be washed in his blood.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting
Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Ohio.

Dear sisters

Privileged as we are, once more, to come up to our annual gathering, we feel our spirits bowed before the Lord in thanksgiving & praise for his continued love to us; and not among the least of his many blessings do we at this time feel the privilege to be which he permits us to meet our dear absent sisters, causing us to realize that, whether present or absent, we are one in Christ Jesus.

How precious are the bonds of Christian love. How touching is manifested in the prayer of the Lord Jesus recorded upon the

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Sacred prayer, as he was about to leave his disciples and go to the Father. "Holy Father, keep through thy own name those whom thou hast given me that they may be one as we are." May we so abide in the love and spirit of Christ, that we, too, may be kept in that holy union which is alone of the Father.

We have been at this time solemnized under a feeling that mother in Israel, burden bearers in the Church, having finished their course on earth, have entered a little before us within the portals of the blessed; and while we deeply feel their loss, we rejoice that they, to-day, are singing the song of the redeemed around the throne of God.

Dear friends from your and other Yearly Meetings are very acceptably with us, giving evidence of that love ministering by which the Gospel cause is enlarged in the earth and His great name exalted above all.

The harvest truly is plenteous; may we all be willing to do our part in this great harvest field remembering that he who giveth that which may be comparable to a cup of cold water, if it be in the name of a disciple, shall be blessed. An increasing interest is felt in the cause of education, especially Scriptural instruction. The young & tender minds are susceptible to the influences thrown around them and often bring to the Savior; and many are the evidences of their being instruments in the Lord's hand for good, verifying the truth of the declaration "And a little child shall lead them"

Thus, dear sisters, may the work progress both with you & us, hastening the coming of that day when "the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea"

"Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy to the only wise God our Savior be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and ever. Amen"

Signed by direction on behalf of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce. Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in North Carolina

Dear Friends

In a measure of that love which unites together the whole household of faith, we address you, fervently desiring that through the quickening, enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, we may be more closely united one to another and to our blessed Redeemer, whose prayer for his disciples and for all his believing children was that "they all may be one, as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us;" and who left his precious legacy to his friends "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you."

Your acceptable epistle of 11th Mo. last with those of other Yearly Meetings have at this time been cheering & consolatory to many hearts, and we have unitedly felt the value of this epistolary correspondence. We can sympathize & rejoice with you in the acknowledgement of the goodness of our Heavenly Father in qualifying and sending forth his devoted servants to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ, and his willingness to receive all who come unto him in living faith. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest for your souls." This invitation of our blessed Savior is extended to all, and they who accept it, will realize the fulfilment of the precious promise conveyed - seed to the soul, which is not to be found elsewhere.

We have had a large number of the Lord's messengers living with us at this time, from whom we have received words of sympathy and counsel suited to all states & conditions.

The young as well as those of mature age have been most impressively invited to come to the Savior who will adorn them with those gifts and graces which can alone make them truly happy in this life and fit and prepare them for a never ending state of happiness.

We truly rejoice with you in the success of your Schools both for religious and literary instruction. May the Lord continue to bless and preserve you in every good word and work, & keep you in that watchful, prayerful state which will cause these blessings to redound to his glory and the enlargement of his kingdom in the earth. With the salutation of love we bid you farewell, in the Lord

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Elwood B. Boyce Clerk.

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To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Indiana

Dear Sisters.

In a measure, we trust, of that love which fills the hearts of all true followers of our Lord and Savior, we address you at this time, and acknowledge the blessing of this epistolary communion with you and other dear sisters, strengthening the bond of union in the fellowship of Christ our Holy Head.

We have been greatly favored, in this our Annual meeting, with the riches of our Heavenly Father's love poured out upon us, and we have been humbled under a deep sense of our unworthiness of the least of His mercies. He has appointed many & his servants to minister unto us who have evidently been blessed in dividing the word of truth in the right time & place to the raising of the bowed head & the strengthening of our faith in the power and love of God the Father.

Mothers have been tenderly entreated to abide at the feet of Jesus that they may be enabled to lead the precious lambs, committed to their care, to the Good Shepherd — to be constant in prayer not only for but with them, that so they may be furnished with the Shield of Faith which will preserve them in the hour of temptation and they may be able to resist the assaults of the enemy.

Our dear young Sisters who have given evidence of love for their Savior have also been encouraged to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

Those who have not yet bowed to the yoke of Christ have been pressingly invited to come now, today, while the call is extended and submit to the discipline needful to prepare them to receive the mantles as they fall from the dear mothers who must soon be taken from us.

Then would they be qualified to point sinners to the cross of Christ teaching them to rely on the efficacy of His cleansing blood — His sanctifying grace, and finally to rejoice with them in His infinite love.

We have received most excellent counsel on various important subjects tending to promote our growth in grace and in the saving knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. We have been advised to give diligent heed to the instruction of our youth and children in the Holy Scriptures, more especially in the story of Jesus and

his love, that through the Holy Spirit they may be enabled to glorify the name and exalt the merit of him who bought them.

In allusion to Intemperance in your epistle met our cordial sympathy, and we trust increased efforts will be made, by us all, for the suppression of this as well as other evils which afflict our beloved country.

In conclusion, we desire that in your annual assembly, the same Spirit which has been abundantly vouchsafed to us may descend upon you, owning & crowning now, to the glory and honor of the great Head of the Church.

With the salutation of love, we remain your affectionate Sisters

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, Western

Beloved Sisters

Through the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father whose tender mercies are over all his works, are we again permitted to assemble in a Yearly Meeting capacity; and, notwithstanding our unworthiness of the least of his notice He has been graciously pleased, at this season, to fulfil the promise to his people anciently "In that day shall the Lord of Hosts be for a crown of glory and for a diadem of beauty unto the residue of his people and for a spirit of judgement to him that sitteth in judgement and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate"

And whilst we have been favored to sit down under his shadow with great delight and his fruit has been sweet to our taste, we have been made renewedly sensible of our individual responsibility for all these rich blessings from his bountiful hand, and desires have been raised, we trust, in every heart for a greater dedication of all we have to his service, and for a deeper work of Divine grace in the soul that we may be thereby

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qualified to labor more successfully in the great harvest field, where there is work enough for all.

The reading of your acceptable epistle with those from dear Sisters of other Yearly Meetings each one bearing to us the glad tidings of the precious fruits of the Spirit of love, introduced our minds into a lively exercise, and desires were raised in our Hearts that these tender bonds of Sisterly greeting might tend more & more, to unite us together in the bonds of Christian fellowship and love, that, although strangers as to the outward, we might be as epistles written in the heart, known and read of all men. For by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

We are favored, at this time, with the company of many dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and amongst these, a beloved brother from a distant land. May their earnest pleadings with and for us not be in vain, but may they prove as the seed which fell upon good ground and sprung up and yielded fruit, some, thirty, some sixty and some a hundred fold - to the praise and glory of the great and good Husbandman.

The dear young Sisters have been especially invited to come, taste and see that the Lord is good, and encouraged now, in the morning of their days to make a full surrender of their Hearts to the Blessed Jesus, take his yoke upon them and learn of him who is meek and lowly and they may find rest to their Souls.

May this dear class both with you and us be induced to close in with the offers of redeeming love and mercy in their tender years, that they may be instrumental in the hands of their loyal Savior of increasing the number of those who may stand as valiants for the truth. In conclusion, dear sisters, we commend you, with ourselves to God & the word of his grace, which is able to keep us from falling & to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Savior be glory & majesty dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

With the salutation of love we are your Sisters

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in New

Dear sisters

Our hearts have been tuned at this time, in humble gratitude to the God and Father of us all for the manifestations of his watchful care over us.

In reading your acceptable epistle, together with those from other Yearly Meetings has caused us to feel that our Master is very near and love toward us drawing us nearer to himself and into a dear fellowship with each other. We have been made to bless him for his goodness, not only for the comfort of epistolary intercourse, but he has largely manifested his love by sending his servants among us, who have proclaimed the glad tidings of the gospel in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; by which our hearts have been comforted, our faith strengthened and we have been enabled to ascribe salvation, glory and honor to the Lord our God.

We are at this time favored with a large number of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, among them a mother from a distant land

The young have been solicited & encouraged to give their hearts to the Savior while the dew of their youth was upon them; mothers have been entreated to bear their beloved children to the throne of grace in prayer, there to commit them into the keeping of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd, who watches over his lambs by night as well as by day, and whose ear is ever ready to hear the crying of his dependent ones.

Many subjects of deep and vital interest have claimed our attention during this Yearly Meeting, in all of which the divine Hammer has prevailed, and we have felt the overshadowing of his Spirit and that the everlasting arms were round about us.

Our hearts have been drawn into near sympathy with our dear Friends who are laboring in the wilds of the far West among the poor ensnared Indians. How the work is carried on & the reclaiming of those children of the forest and the promotion of peace on earth & good will to men.

The mission and First day School work still claim our attention.

Fervent have been our prayers that all both among

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God is, may keep us under the power of living in communion and in all we do seek the glory of God and not our own, that he may rule with. May we ever remember the infinite majesty, the awful solemnity, as well as the beauty and joy inseparable from the true spiritual worship of God.

And now, dear sisters, Farewell. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

"Now, unto him who is able to keep us from falling & to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty dominion & power both now and forever."

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting.

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Canada

Dear Sisters

In a fresh sense of the preciousness of the love of Christ, we feel drawn to offer you the salutation of sisterly love, desiring that grace & peace from God our Father & from the Lord Jesus Christ may abound both with you & us.

At this our annual meeting, the value of spiritual intercourse has been renewedly felt, uniting the believers in the one Faith and the one baptism of Christ, our Head.

May gratitude to the Giver of all good be increased by every added blessing, and may the humble instrumentality that it is their blessed privilege still to ask for fresh supplies of heavenly grace, be duly valued in the wisdom of the truth we may be enabled to discern between good and evil, & thus be found rendering unto the Lord the glory that is his due, ascribing greatness to his name.

"For the word of the Lord is true, making wise the simple. The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." May we stand firm bearing a faithful testimony to their Lord and Master, looking in singleness of heart to him, our sure Leader, as the almighty arm has been stretched forth in support of his own cause.

We continue to hold the promises of Him, and by the sure word of prophecy this burning testimony can testify, that He satisfieth the longing soul with goodness.

We will affectionately yearning that we look towards our dear young friends, and, with feelings of tender care and sympathy, we would invite them to submit to the holy discipline of the cross of Christ. His yoke is an invitation to "learn of me;" and in the hope of obedience it is our blessed experience to know that his "yoke is easy and His burden is light." His ways are ways of pleasantness and all his paths are paths of peace. "He is thy Lord; worship thou Him."

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings. May their labors be blest; and may it be our united engagement to ask wisdom of God, that while receiving good from his all bountiful hand, we may with a grateful heart say, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?"

We can unite with you in a feeling of interest in the cause of Scriptural schools, believing that the inspired record which is able to make wise unto Salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, demands earnest, sanctified efforts in the work of mental training the knowledge of these sacred truths which thoroughly furnish unto all good works.

Active concern is manifested in the interests of the Freedman & the Indian. May the Lord, in his mercy, continue to fill our hearts with pity for the needy & oppressed everywhere.

In conclusion, dear sisters, we would repeat the apostolic exhortation, "Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain, in the Lord."

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

Eliza B. Boyce Clerk.

1871. At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, commencing on 7th day, the 10th of 6th mo. 1871.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are under appointment as Representatives to this meeting, viz.: From

Rhode Island, - Elizabeth Slade, Gulielma Freeborn, Ruth B. Gifford, Sarah Slade, Hannah P. Peckham, Cynthia Bowen, Mary A. Smith, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah Dawe, Anna T. Dennis, Mary D. Collins.

Salem, - Fanny L. Pinkham, Maria Ellis, Hannah Page, Beulah W. Rogers, Ann Maria Cozzens, Sarah Wilson, Mary S. Davis, Lydia Pope, Salina A. Page and Mary E. Reed

Sandwich, - Sarah A. Holmes, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Hannah S. Wing, Huldah Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford, Charity G. Pillingham, Rachel S. Haviland, Elizabeth C. Wing, Esther A. Macomber, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Mary B. Bayliss, Gulielma W. Haviland

Falmouth, - Lydia H. Jones, Maria B. Jones, Elizabeth Ann Douglas, Mary C. Hawkins, Lucy R. Goddard, Patience Goddard and Esther Nichols

Smithfield, - Ann B. Earle, Mary B. Wing, Ruth Ann Alice M. Wilder, Ann H. Cotton, Mary S. Bailey,

Nantucket, - Mary C. Jones, Rachel B. Nichols, Lydia P. Hussey, Hannah R. Tabor, Ann E. Long, Elizabeth Pierce and Sybil Jones,

Dover, - Susan C. Meader, Martha C. Pratt, Hannah G. Sawyer, Lois J. Greene, Huldah S. Buffum, Mary S. Estes, Naomi P. Hoag, and Hannah W. Meader.

Fairfield, - Hannah C. Wing, Mary Wing, Meribah Richardson, Cynthia H. Farr, Hannah J. Bailey, Sophia D. Bailey, Phebe M. Wadsworth, and Eunice Winslow.

On the call of the names it is found all are present except four, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons are given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Fremont Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Gulielma Bretton and Cynthia P. Earle, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Susan H. Gifford.

Mary Williams an elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d month 11th 1871, aged 76 years.

Salem informs that they have united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abby H. Hall, Lydia B. Lee and Hannah G. Jones to the station of elder. Also that Salem Monthly Meeting has set up a meeting for worship in Boston, to be held in first and fourth days of the week in the rooms of the Young Mens Christian Association, on Tremont St. opposite the Tremont House.

Sandwich informs that Samuel Gifford, an elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th mo. 9th 1870, aged 77 years and 7 months, and Lois B. Gifford, a minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st month 8th 1871, aged 47 years 9 months and 9 days.

Falmouth informs they have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in appointing Nathan Pope, Esther Nichols and Ju- Pope to the station of elder; also with the same Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public ministry of Elijah Cox; with Lynnington Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Silas Hubbard, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public ministry of Freelove Hudson and in the appointment of Mary E. Goddard to the station of elder.

Smithfield informs they unite with Wrightsborough Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ann R. Coffin to the station of elder.

Epistles from our sisters of Newport, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada Yearly Meetings have been received and read. We feel thankful for these messages of Christian interest from our distant Sisters, believing that such a correspondence tends not only to our spiritual refreshing and comfort, but to bind us more closely together in the love of the same blessed Savior. We appoint the following Friends to prepare answers to the same, and

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Anna G. Ward, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary A. Smith, Rachel S. Howland, Lois J. Green, Gulielma M. Howland, Rebecca C. Gummell, Rachel B. Rivers, Phebe Mabbs, Fanny S. Pinkham, Mar. Gibbons, Ann S. Butler, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Martha E. Pratt, Margaret J. Gates, Emma C. Winslow, Caroline Jacob, Sarah A. Holmes, Lucinda Pinkham, Charlotte D. Holmes, Susan Tabor, Ann M. Collins, Fanny Hoag, Sarah M. Goddard, Sarah K. Hinds, Rebecca Hoag, Lucretia S. Tucker, Ruth S. Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Mary M. Hadwen, Hannah J. Bailey, Lydia Pope, Maria Bulgin, Grace Jones, Susan Ann Gifford, Sarah Collins Haines, Mary C. Jones, Ann B. Cadle, Gertrude H. Howland, Hannah G. Dillingham, Gulielma Seriven, Ruth M. Baker, Ann Maria Collins, Eliza P. Pierce, Eliza Pitfield Wright Jones.

We appoint Ruth B. Gifford, Jane M. Jones, Fanny M. Jones, Mary B. Bogue, Anna T. Dennis, Mary E. Pratt, Ann M. Pratt, Rebecca C. Gummell, Lavinia Rivers and Margaret S. Gates to prepare a Summary from the Answers to the Queries to present to a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this meeting, to confer upon the subject of clerks.

It is [illegible] acknowledging with gratitude the privilege we are again permitted to enjoy of this, our yearly meeting together, the thought has been a solemn one, that beloved sisters who were with us a year ago will meet with us no more on earth. May we who remain, but some of us, perhaps, gathered here for the last time, endeavor to keep so near our Divine Master, that, united in His love we may fear lose sight of the good things of His kingdom, and be prepared to leave, as many dear departed ones have done, for the enlargement of His cause.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet here [illegible]

Fifth day, 10th of 4th month.

Our dear friend Eliza B. Bogue, who was [illegible] several years attended this meeting was faithful & acceptable as usual, and being present Phebe R. Gifford on behalf of the Representatives reported they were united in proposing [illegible]

which being opened in the meeting were appointed to be the Statistics for the ensuing year.

The Epistles of this meeting for last year have been read. We have at this time the acceptable company of our Colored Friends Peter Ann Sands, Martha S. Ely and Sarah E. Congdon from Rich Square Monthly Meeting; Deborah C. Thomas & James H. Thomas from Baltimore; Jeremiah A. Gibbs from North Carolina; Edward C. Young, Edith Griffith, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah E. Jenkins and Sarah Gibbs from Ohio; John Henry Douglass and Allen Jones from Indiana; Joel Bean, from Iowa; and Adam Spencer from Edenda Yearly Meeting; who have produced satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and in their present prospect of religious visit among us.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our Colored Friends William M. Sands, an elder, companion to his wife Peter Ann Sands, Catharine S. Elder, companion to our friend Hannah L. Fry, Wm Gidley companion to his wife Sarah Gidley, Sarah Gibbs companion to her father Jeremiah A. Gibbs, Elizabeth N. Young companion to her husband Edward C. Young, George R. Jenkins companion to his wife Sarah E. Jenkins, Elizabeth R. Haviland companion to our friend Sarah W. Congdon Amos Griffith, an elder, companion to his wife Edith Griffith, John L. Comstock, an elder, companion to his wife, Elizabeth L. Comstock and Francis L. Hino, an elder, companion to our friend James C. Thomas. Certificates from their several meetings have been read expressive of unity with them in their present engagements

We have also the acceptable company of our friend Rand Harris, a minister from Germantown, Penn., appointed by the Missionary Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting to solicit aid for the organization and support of schools for colored people in Tennessee and Alabama. We would also extend a cordial welcome to many dear friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings, without certificates.

Adjourned to meet again on Second day morning the 12th inst., at 10 o'clock.

Second day. Morning.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Sat in solemn silence, as we trust, unto Him who is the only Head of the Church, and endeavoring to feel his presence and power, the meeting entered upon the consideration of the State

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Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Second day Afternoon

Met pursuant to adjournment. The remaining Queries and Answers have been read with a summary prepared by the committee. A serious interest has been manifest in the reports thus presented from our subordinate meetings, and the deficiencies therein alluded to have awakened a feeling of deep concern in many minds. The lukewarmness occasioned by the frequent neglect on the part of some of our members, in the attendance of meetings has been a source of much sorrow to those among us who esteem the privilege of thus assembling together, believing it to be a means of spiritual blessing, wherein the living members of the Church are often rendered helpful to one another in the Lord, and are favored to feel the unity of the Spirit and the bond of Christian fellowship strengthened. Fervent desires have been expressed that all who rightly regard this privilege and allow considerations of a worldly character to detain them from their religious meetings may be brought to a close searching of heart - to prayerful self-examination, as to their real condition in the sight of Him whose right it is to be worshiped in the beauty of holiness and who has graciously ordained that those who are religiously engaged to bear their public testimony to this great duty shall receive largely of his good things even that Heavenly refreshing which will contribute to their growth in grace, their establishment and settlement in Christ. We have been exhorted to habituate our children, not only to the attendance of meetings for worship on First-days and in the middle of the week, but also of our meetings for discipline, believing that, if thus trained from their early years, they will not so often be found in later life forsaking their meetings, but regard them, more & more, as spiritual helps which their Heavenly Father has placed within their reach, as precious opportunities for Heavenly communion, when, gathered around the table of their Lord, they may receive from his own Holy Hand that living bread and living water which their souls are craving.

Each individual contributes to the life or the lifelessness of our religious meetings. As lukewarmness and indifference pre-

in individual hearts our meetings become lifeless, and frequently dwindle in numbers, for the power of the Lord is not with them in its power. When any of our members are found giving careless in the attendance of meetings, are our own hearts so imbued with the love of the Savior that they go out in earnest inquiry after them, awakening the slumbering, stirring up the lukewarm and encouraging the negligent, that so we may all be drawn to assemble with one accord to worship, praise, magnify and extol the ever excellent name of Him who bestows all our spiritual blessings.

The preciousness of true Christian love has been impressively dwelt upon - that love which to those who profess the name of Jesus, is as the oil in their lamps - May we all realize this to be replenished day by day from the heavenly storehouse, that our lamps may be burning, our lights shining - If we detect ourselves thinking evil of our neighbor, taking up a reproach against him, or not turning a deaf ear when others speak slightingly of him, we must take heed, - the oil of divine love is drawing low in our lamps.

Much sympathy has been felt for mothers, especially for the younger class, in the fulfillment of their responsible duties. They have been tenderly reminded that, as they present their little children before the Lord in simple faith, praying that he will bless them in the right way, and assist them to commend the truths they endeavor to inculcate, by the powerful force of their own example, he will regard their petitions, and answer them in blessing. Mothers have also been encouraged early to speak to their children of heavenly things - of our Almighty Father who revealed us, and provided everything needful for our comfort & enjoyment - of the blessed Savior who so loved us that he laid down his life for our sakes, and who through the Holy Spirit is still calling our little children unto himself - that all need in the heart of their Father to come unto him; with the promise "They that seek me early shall find me". The religious training that cultivated, through the sanctifying grace of Christ in mothers, cannot be over-estimated. We believe and have often proved, under the divine blessing, the means of preserving their children through the slippery paths of youth and the temptations of later life, and of gathering them into the Savior's fold.

Let mothers endeavor to keep their children

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will wear them in affectionate confidence. The influence of a father in this is more powerful for good. If a wayward son is inclined to resist the restraints of home and parental authority, let the faithful mother bow before the mercy-seat, pleading for her dear wayward boy, and for ability to exercise with a gentle and loving but firm hand, the restraints which the Lord hath required of her, and her prayers will be heard and answered - the bread cast upon the waters will return, though it may be after many days.

True practical religion must be experimental. If we lack the experience ourselves, we are not qualified to administer to the spiritual needs of our children. If our own souls are parching with thirst and starving with hunger, we are unprepared to feed these precious ones.

Parents have been cautioned to guard against anything which can have a tendency to awaken or foster in the minds of their children a spirit of retaliation, and kindness to the brute creation should be studiously cultivated. We desire to discourage the purchase of war toys for the amusement of children, and the dissemination of war tracts we regard as very pernicious in its consequences. Teachers are also advised to be careful that such pieces shall not be chosen for declamations by their pupils as extol the fame of the conqueror or fire and inflame the youthful mind with a love of military glory, but rather make those selections which breathe the loving, forgiving spirit of our Holy Redeemer, who has left us an example that we should follow his steps.

Words of tender warning have been extended to those among us who may be indulging in light & frivolous reading. Our books, as our associates, exert a powerful influence over our minds, either for good or for evil: an elevating, strengthening purifying influence, or a weakening, poisoning influence. If engaged in unprofitable reading, we are responsible not only for the time thus wasted, but it may prove a leading-string to places of amusement, and the squandering of our time upon various trifles which will never edify soul or body. We have been impressively reminded of the words of the apostle "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth". The query has arisen, "Do we appreciate as fully as we should, the great privilege of free access to the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"?

In singleness of heart may we look unto the Lord in prayer that our understandings may be opened and so enlightened as to feel the inestimable value of these sacred writings. It is only as the Word bless what we read, that it can be of any avail. At our daily Bible readings, with our families gathered around us, as we look unto our Heavenly Father for help, we may be enabled to assist our children in comprehending the divine truths and fully accept and to make personal application of them for their spiritual benefit.

We have been reminded that, as daily recipients of so many blessings blessings both temporal and spiritual – we are loudly called upon for the tribute of gratitude, and for an entire consecration of our hearts to the Giver of all good; and that no half-hearted service, no divided service, will advance us on our heavenward journey.

Our dear young sisters have been encouraged to obey the teachings of the Holy Spirit in their hearts – that voice which, if regarded, will never lead them astray, but preserve them from the varied temptations and flattering allurements of the world, and enable them to offer their hearts an unbroken sacrifice to God. Seeking for light and strength unto him who, alone, can give it, may it be their frequent petition, "Show me my place and strengthen me to fill it; show me my work and qualify me to perform it". They have been reminded that it is their privilege by an example of self-denial and Christian simplicity to be witnesses for their meek and lowly Savior even in the midst of heedlessness and folly, – that their time their talents, and their substance are not their own, but must be used to the glory of the Giver.

"Our gifts are only well enjoyed
When used as talents lent,
Those talents only well employed
When in his service spent."

The company of so many of the Lord's faithful laborers from other fields of his vineyard has been to us a comforting evidence of his continued love and care. As the gospel message has been freely proclaimed in our midst, we have desired to view it as a fresh token for good to our Souls. May the seed which has been sown fall neither by the way-side, nor in stony places, nor among thorns, but into good ground – into honest

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The following minute from Western Yearly Meeting has been received and read, viz.:

"This meeting has been introduced into a desire for a more perfect union among the different Yearly Meetings in Europe & America.

There are many departments of Christian labor of common interest that call for united counsel. Some of them are the Education of our youth; the publication of books & tracts, and the general diffusion of knowledge by the press; the civilization and Christianization of the Indian tribes and of Missionary work at home and in foreign lands; of the distribution of the Holy Scriptures at home and abroad, the more practical and effectual recognition of the principles of peace by Christian professors and by civilized nations; and the determinations of such questions as may be of common interest and concern the general welfare.

We apprehend that a General Council, composed of representatives appointed by the several Yearly Meetings would have a harmonizing and uniting effect upon our common society and render the whole and its parts more mutually supportive of each other, where conclusions & recommendations shall only be advisory in their nature

Should this proposition meet with general approval, we would suggest that the first meeting be held in the city of New York on Second day after the close of Canada Yearly Meeting in the year 1872.

We desire that the Divine will may influence & control our counsels in the determination of this important matter, and that what is done may tend to the work of our common God and Savior, and honor his church in the earth.

The correspondents were directed to forward a copy of the above minute to each of the Yearly Meetings, in connection with their respective epistles."

We appoint our friends Rachel S. Haviland, Phebe R. Gifford, Sybil Jones, Gertrude W. Earland, Ann E. Long, Mary C. Brad, Eliza P. Gardner, Ann B. Earle, Elizabeth Mosher, Mary C. Jones, Rachel Jones, Lucy G. Wood, Hannah

G. Sawyer Rebecca C. Gummere, Abigail C. Beede, Catherine W. Haviland and Rebecca K. Tucker to unite with a similar committee of Men Friends to consider the subject carefully, and report at a future sitting

A lively and instructive Epistle from our dear Friends in Norway, has been received and read.

We adjourn to meet in joint session tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Third day Morning, met in joint Session.

The committee appointed in 1868. to take into consideration the revision of our Book of Discipline presented the following report, viz:

The Joint Committee appointed in 1868 to revise the Book of Discipline have given careful attention to the subject which involved much time and labor;- a different arrangement of the book having been early agreed upon as desirable

A statement of the fundamental belief and doctrines of our Society is first introduced, which is followed by Advices on Christian practice, embracing in substance much that has been from time to time issued by this meeting

The rules which have appeared necessary in the administration of the Discipline are then stated. We trust the system proposed is in accordance with the principles which have ever been maintained by our Religious Society, and is founded upon the doctrines & precepts of the New Testament

An earnest desire has, we believe, been prevalent with the committee to seek for Divine Help in the performance of this important duty; and the result of our labors is now submitted with the hope that it may prove satisfactory to Friends.

Charles Taber
Henry J. Wood } Clerks
Anna B. Earle

Newport, 6th mo. 10th 1871.

Accepted, and the work as revised was directed to be read. The reading proceeded until the time for adjournment

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon.

Met again in joint session

The reading of the Disciplines was resumed and continued through this session.

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Fourth day morning. Met as adjourned
The reading of the revised Discipline was continued and completed. It was then decided to return the same to the committee for further consideration and such changes as in their judgement may be deemed necessary said committee to report again next year. It was also directed that five hundred copies should be printed and circulated amongst our members, in season for a careful and deliberate examination previous to its final presentation to the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet in separate session at 4 o'clock this afternoon

Fourth day afternoon. Met according to adjournment

A very acceptable Epistle from our sisters of Ireland has been heard and read, accompanied by a minute issued by that Yearly Meeting on the subject of Peace, which has met a feeling response in our hearts, and we desire to carry out more faithfully in our families and in our association with others, the peaceable principles of the Gospel which as a Christian church we profess.

Believing that Arbitration, instead of an appeal to the sword should always be resorted to for the settlement of national difficulties, we appoint Rachel S. Haviland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Abigail C. Beede, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Hannah J. Bailey and Margaret B. Cates to prepare an essay expressive of our views on this important subject and present it at a future sitting for the disposal of this meeting.

An Essay of an Epistle to our sisters of Canada Yearly Meeting has been read and approved.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon

Fifth day afternoon. Met according to adjournment
An essay of an Epistle to our sisters of
Western Yearly Meeting has been read & approved
The Committee to which was referred the propositions from Western Yearly Meeting report as follows, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee to which was referred the propositions from

Western Yearly Meeting have considered the matter referred

that they are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting to concur in the proposition from that meeting for a conference provided the Yearly Meetings with which it corresponds unite therein, and that the further consideration of the subject be referred to our next Yearly Meeting.

For the committee Geo. Howland, Jun.

Newport, 6th Mo. 13. 1871.

Report adopted.

The Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School have presented the following Report, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report that they have given attention to the duties assigned them, and can state that the school has prospered during the past year in no ordinary degree. Entire harmony and cooperation in efforts to promote the best interests of the pupils and of the establishment have prevailed among the officers; discipline has been well maintained, and the deportment of the scholars and progress in their studies have been satisfactory.

Although they can acknowledge, with thankfulness that a good degree of health has prevailed during the year, yet one case of severe illness occurred during the Fall term which resulted fatally. It was thus recorded by the Principal "John Clapp Hussey son of the late George F. Hussey, of Peekskill, N. Y. died on the 29th of 11th month 1870, from ulceration of the bowels. His end was peaceful, and he gave full evidence that he was accepted and his sins forgiven.

Much sympathy was felt with the stricken, widowed mother, who in the keenness of her anguish could yet say, 'He doeth all things well.'"

In a minute made at a subsequent meeting, the Committee said, "While we sympathize with the bereaved mother, we can also rejoice that another loved one has been added to the redeemed in heaven."

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one Hundred seventy nine, viz.: one hundred nine boys, and seventy girls. Spring term one hundred eighty, viz.: one hundred & nine boys seventy one girls.

The officers of the school during the past year, have been

1871. Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Howell, Thomas J. Battey, Bessie T. Ring, Martha G. Read, Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Daniel C. Mayfield, teacher of mathematics; Charles H. Gates teacher of French; Catharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing and painting. Henry Wood was employed as teacher of Latin, Greek, and German, during the first half year, but was under the necessity of leaving on account of ill health. During the second half year, the following additional teachers have been employed, viz.: Alonzo Williams, teacher of Latin; Karl Ernst, teacher of German; & Jabez H. Burnham teacher of Greek.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. On First-day afternoons Scripture lessons are given to the whole school. Psalms of Scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, at the breakfast table, and also at the evening collections.

Owing to the necessity of presenting a statement of the finances of the school before the end of the term, the account rendered to the Yearly Meeting is necessarily imperfect, and we have now to report that the net earnings of the school, made up to the end of the school year, 6th mo. 28th 1870, as ascertained by the auditing committee, was $6.347.55, reducing the school debt at that time to $4.520,71

The estimated earnings of the school to the end of the present term, as now reported to us, will exceed its expenses, including interest paid and necessary annual repairs, by the sum of $5.215.00

Cost of apparatus for distinguishing this $314.14
Cost of work done with in former buildings $329.20 $643.34

Balance of earnings to improvements $4571.66
School debt 6mo. 1870 $4520.71
School debt 6th mo. 1871 $149.05

The auditing committee have also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the school fund and of the Charity Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows

School Fund

Balance in Fund of Treasurer 2mo. 29. 1870 [illegible]
Income of the Fund $1069.27
Income of Farm rented 165.60
Less Expenses [illegible] $1,234.87

Charitable Funds, J.C. Stead and Mar. donation

Balance in Funds of Treasurer 2mo. 2d. 1870. $ 960.87
Income of the Funds $2528.86
$3489.73

Paid School bills $2.200
Balance on Fund 1.289.73
$3489.73

Amount to from School Fund also

Insurance Premium Paid $301.25
Bal. Due S. Kaplan, Rent in case of Expl. St. Lay-out 60.
Paid Wm. A. Robinson, copy of deeds 2.60
Paid S. K. Smith, for receipts, 6.50 2.80
Balance in hands of Treasurer 1.16
$1254.74

The income from the Charitable Fund will [illegible] the education of twenty Scholars the ensuing year.

A Summary Statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Friends School for the year ending 9th mo. 25th 1870:

Receipts

Tuition, Autumn Term $18.500.00
Tuition, Spring Term 18.781.
From the fund deducting insurance 6.831.45
$44,111 45/100

Expenditures

Salaries $16,072.65
Fuel 3.954
Provisions 10,107.11
Repairs 3,238.25
Fuel $2,061. 84/100, Light $907 65/100 2.969.02
Library 180.13
Incidentals 663.09
Pupils 6.347.55
$44,151 45/100

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The apartments allotted to the girls having been so materially and satisfactorily improved, the attention of the Committee has been directed to the great necessity of similar alterations for the better accommodation of the boys. Their sleeping apartments are now insufficient and badly arranged for their comfort and for the convenience of those who have the care of them. Many of the rooms are unventilated and all are wanting in many of the appliances that are considered necessary in similar establishments. A larger and better ventilated school room for the boys is much wanted, and may it be done as essential to the welfare of teachers and pupils. The present room will not seat all the boys now in attendance. Additional class-rooms are also needed.

The three dining-rooms used by the scholars are crowded and in need of repair. For this purpose would add largely to the comfort of the pupils and family. Additional and more suitable rooms ought to be supplied for the domestics and workmen on the premises.

To effect these objects we would recommend that the Committee that may be appointed to have the charge of the school the ensuing year, be authorized, when the necessary funds can be obtained, to make such improvements as are actually needed by an addition to the present building and such alterations in the present arrangements as in their judgement will promote the welfare and best interests of the institution.

Since our last Report, a street has been laid out by the city authorities of Providence, through the Northern part of the Farm premises, on land purchased of the Trustees of Butler Hospital, containing about 43,000 square feet, for which an award has been made by the Board of Election of $3000.; and the Committee have been informed that the Water Commissioners of Providence are desirous of obtaining a triangular piece of land cut off from the School Farm by the street above mentioned, containing 70,231 square feet, about 1⅝ acres. Owing to its shape and situation between two streets, this lot would be useless to the Farm and inconvenient to build upon, and the Committee therefore suggest the propriety of disposing of it and applying the proceeds for the benefit of the Institution, believing that by so doing the best interests of the School with respect to the present generation of scholars will be

materials for the School as well as the welfare of all connected with the school.

The appropriations for the School and Teachers for the Friends School year 1871 & 1872 were made as follows:

For salaries of the Teachers, $ 100.

For rent of the School House for the use of the Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meetings, & for the Session of the Committee of Visitors $ 150.

For all other incidental expenses $ 200.

For tuition at charge of ten dollars to be made for one years instruction in Latin, French, German or Drawing: one half payable at the commencement of the year and the other half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee

Wm. C. Taber, Clerk.

Note. The School year begins 9 mo. 6. 1871; closes 7 mo. 24. 1872.
The Winter recess begins 1 " 24/72; closes 2 " 7th. 1872.
The 2d half year begins 2 " 7. 1872; closes 6 " 26th. 1872.

Regulations of the School Committee.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the quarter on the application in writing of the Parent or Guardian, but the Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn, at the close of the first half year, may be as small as possible, as the arrangements of classes and studies, however is made primarily to those who remain through the year, contributing as they do a large majority of the School, and it will therefore happen that those who join at the last half the time will require much help from the Principal and Class of advantage.

Applications for admission to the School should be made previously for the meeting of the Committee on the 1st 5th mo. next.

Those who in connection with our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who have the benefit of the charitable gifts or of the Moses Brown donation should apply at the time above specified, that, in the case, information respecting the age, mental habits and physical capacities of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal, Albert H. Smith, Friends School, Providence, R. I.

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Read and accepted, and the Committee that served last year
is reappointed, to unite with a similar Committee of Men Friends
in the service to close the present year

Committee.- Sarah F. Sobey, Eliza B. Boyd, Mary C. Hawkes,
Ann R. Cope, Rachel S. Nicholson, Eliza P. Parker, Gertrude W. Garland,
Susan D. Robinson, Ann S. Earle, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan B. Tucker,
Anna T. Dennis, Guilielma M. Haviland, Phebe R. Gifford, Sophia D.
Bailey, Guilielma Freebairn.

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings, Gur-
ney and Hicksite, were then read, and were interesting to
us. We rejoice at the evidence thus afforded of a continued concern
for the welfare of our Indian brethren, believing it to be our duty
as children of the same Almighty Father, to cherish feelings of
love and kindness toward all men, and to embrace each
opportunity to do them good.

The Committee in charge of the Mission School in the city of
Washington, and their work to promote the improvement of
the Freed people of Color, report as follows, viz.:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee under appointment
to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the Freed
people of color, present their Seventh Annual Report:

The School at Washington was opened on the fifth day of the
ninth month, 1870, under the care of our esteemed friends John C.
and Hannah Gue, as Superintendents, and Hannah S. Hambleton
as Principal, assisted by Mary E. Jenkins, Elizabeth P. Tibbals,
Ann C. Phillips, Annie Gifford, Susan Pira and Sarah E. Wall.
We take pleasure in bearing our testimony to the faithful labors
of these our Superintendents and teachers. They have all felt
that it was a work for each to do, for the present & future good
of those intrusted to their care, and have unitedly & earnestly
endeavored to perform it.

John C. and Hannah Gue remained at their post during
the Summer, and their watchful care kept the Mission
premises in such good order, that the School could be com-
menced punctually and the work of organization accomplished
with very little trouble. In this respect our School proved to be
quite in advance of the others. The School opened with 165
scholars, and increased to 215 on the third day. The total
number of scholars was 369 between the ages of six & sixteen
Average daily attendance in one room 97 per cent; & in another

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The First day School was continued about the same as last year, with the continued kind assistance of Friends from abroad. We have had an interesting school, and believe that the seed has fallen on good ground and will bring forth fruit. Our Library has been increased through the efforts of Hannah G. Macomber, our principal, to two hundred volumes, which are loaned to the Scholars who read and return them quite promptly; and we have been well supplied with papers, having, through the solicitation of Abbie Phillips, received 100 copies of the Temperance Banner, monthly, 20 copies of the Weekly Sprig, weekly, and 1000 copies of Childs Papel (back numbers). We have also received 30 Bibles and 100 Testaments from the American Bible Society, New York, through Augustus Taber, and 48 Testaments with a bundle of Tracts from New England Friends' Tract Society.

Our annual Festival, about the beginning of the new year, was an occasion of interest; the parents and friends of the pupils were invited, and there were many present. Appropriate exercises and exchanging of presents made the time pass pleasantly. For the purchase of these gifts about 75. dollars were contributed by Friends of New Bedford, and other contributions were sent from Providence and Worcester. Lucy Howard and our dear friend Caroline E. Talbot were present and spoke words of counsel & encouragement which will not be forgotten.

Our friend Sarah E. Wall of Worcester remained in Washington during the summer of 1870; an important part of her work has been to look after the sick & aged, to give words of advice and encouragement to all. She had a class of girls who came to her room for three or four hours as a time learning to cut and fit garments, and they made great proficiency. The sewing School under her care commenced soon after the opening of the school in the ninth month, and was kept up nearly every day in the different rooms. It was as successful as could be expected under the circumstances as only one hour was occupied each day, & that after six hours spent in the school-room. The interest of the younger ones was stimulated by giving, as prizes, little work bags containing implements for sewing. The two smallest girls in the school were the

[illegible] by their constant attendance and great [illegible]. The [illegible] has been [illegible] and the [illegible] very [illegible] diligent and interested in learning. Each child has received something in proportion to the value of [illegible] work, as a present, not as pay. About a hundred garments have been made, including dresses. The children [illegible] and families have appreciated the privilege of [illegible] most highly.

The supplies received are [illegible] not given to the guilty as charitably as in former years; more than a thousand dollars' worth of clothing, shoes, hats, [illegible] is prepared for sewing during the last year, and between fifty and sixty fifty dollars worth of [illegible] money for other work. The clothing which has been given gratuitously amounts to about one hundred and fifty dollars.

Through the continued liberality of friends, we have been enabled to add very much to the comfort of the sick and poor during the cold season. The following donations of clothing have been received with great thankfulness in timely supply: One barrel from Weare, N.H.; two barrels from Lynn Mass.; one barrel from Salem Mass.; two barrels from Andover Mass.; one barrel from Hollister Mass.; one barrel and package & one case of shoes from Worcester Mass., through Ann B. Earle; one large and valuable box of new clothing from members of the First Boston Scouts and Boston Mercantile, probable value one hundred dollars.

A.E. Newton, Superintendent of Public Schools, under date of 5th mo. 27th, writes: "I have just completed a careful examination of the schools maintained by the New England Friends in this city, for the purpose of ascertaining the [illegible] of the pupils and their readiness for promotion, and I take great pleasure in stating to you, and, through you, to those interested in supporting these schools, that I have found them in a very gratifying condition. Abundant evidence was afforded, in excellent [illegible] lessons, faithful and [illegible] on the part of the [illegible], and commendable [illegible] on the part of the pupils in general. I feel that the community owes to you both, a great debt of gratitude for the [illegible] continued and efficient educational aid you have rendered." The [illegible] writes [illegible]

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"And, now, I commit you to the care and to the blessing of God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Paul only said, that words cannot express the great benefit that Christ's mission has been to this people."

By the financial statement of our affairs herewith submitted, it will be observed that the expenses sustaining the Mission during the year has been about four hundred dollars. Our indebtedness at the close of the school year will be (about $1700.00,) seventeen hundred dollars.

Our efforts for the improvement of this people have been liberal in the past, and an urgent necessity still spells for labor in their behalf. On the other hand the want of adaptation of our buildings in Washington for the purposes of the Schools, and the strong claims of less favored localities in the South have been urged as inducements to change our plan and basis of operations.

We are not prepared, however, to propose a discontinuance of the Mission, at present, but would recommend that the subject be left at the discretion of the committee, who may be entrusted with this concern for another year.

On behalf of the committee

Edward W. Howland

Newport, 6th Mo. 13th 1871. Ann B. Earle

New England Friends' Freedmen's Mission

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6th Mo.	Amount paid Superintendents & Teachers	$1.950.13
	Amount " for Repairs	99.07
	Amount " Family expenses	1.691.11
	Amount " Insurance	25.
	Amount " for Books	25.70
	Amount Balance on hand this day	357.63
		$4.148.64

Credits

By cash remaining 6mo. 1. 1870	$ 399.39
By Amt. received from tenants	1.087.01
By Amt received for board	193.95
By Amt received for Milk sold	39.09
By Amt of E. W. Howland	2396.20
By Amt from colored Trustees, for Books	33.00
	$ 4148.64

Newport, 6mo. 13. 1871. Signed. Edward W. Howland

Treasurer's Report.—Balance on hand during the year, $2500; amount received during the year, $1500; amount expended, during the year, $1000; cash on hand.

All of which is satisfactory, and we continue the account for the ensuing year under the care of the same committee.

Committee.—Ann B. Earle, Lydia W. Hoxland, Lillie K. Bulkley, Gertrude H. Cartland, Eliza B. Jones, Rebecca C. Linnell, Anna C. Wood, Susan Tabor, Anne Marie Wilkin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth B. Newhall, Mary P. Osborn, Margaret B. Coates and Hannah B. Sawyer.

An Epistle from our dear Sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been received and read, and we desire that we may all profit by the valuable counsel it contains.

Adjourned to the Fifth day, 8th & 9th hours.

Fifth day morning, 6th to 8th. Met according to adjournment.

We unite with our Friends in approving the proposition of Indiana Yearly Meeting to establish a Yearly Meeting in Kansas in 1872.

Memorials of our late beloved Friends Moses H. Beede, Samuel Foster and Rhoda H. Tabor have been read. We feel rejoiced to commingle in unspeakable gratitude to God and the power of His grace which made these dear Friends what they were. May we all show the same diligence to the full assurance of Hope unto the end; not slothful but followers of them, who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises."

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of North Carolina, Baltimore, Ohio, and Iowa have been read and approved.

The Committee on Education submitted the following Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education, in presenting their report, do so believing that there is no subject that claims the attention of the Yearly Meeting of greater importance to the welfare of the Society than that of the proper education of our children. And it is apparent, at a glance, that it is one which should claim the interest of us all. We should receive so little attention during our annual meeting, the time for, [illegible] that the time is not far distant when [illegible] at the Yearly Meeting will be assigned to the consideration of this important subject.

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Statistical information furnished by correspondents is as follows:

The whole No. of children belonging to the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty one years	503
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools	1
The number of Female Schools	3
The " " children who have attended school the past year	699
The " " " who have attended school less than by Friends or under their care	207
The number receiving academic & collegiate instruction under the care of Friends	32
The number " engaged in teaching	113
The " " " First day Schools under care of Friends	39
The average time of holding such Schools	7 months
The whole number attending the same	2950
The average number	1343
The number of men members attending	1143
The " " over 21 years of age	935
The " " Friends over 21 years of age	723
The " " females	2571
The " " Bible classes connected with said Schools	11
The average time "	9 months
The whole number attending the same	249
The average "	139
The number of Friends belonging to such	129
The " Particular Meetings sitting [illegible]	23
The " of births during the year	95
The " admitted by request	53
The " added by certificate	4
The " removed by certificate	39
The " disowned or released	18
The " deceased	72
Whole number belonging to the Yearly Meeting	4403

It appears by the above statistics that only about 34 per cent of the whole number of children attending school in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of five and twenty one years are receiving instruction in schools under Select Schools or Schools under the care of Friends.

And when we remember that Friends Boarding School at Providence as well as Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro are made up largely of pupils who have little in sympathy with our peculiar views, the question naturally suggests itself, whether these Schools are answering fully the purpose for which they were originally intended.

But we should remember, that we are living in an age of progress, and that our children are being educated in Meeting as generally speaking, of a high order and that many Friends prefer, when they can do so, to educate their children under their own supervision, and at the same time thoroughly and to the endowments of Friends. So that the simple fact that the Schools alluded to are patronized, at the present time, by persons who are not members of our religious society is no indication that Friends generally are less interested in their children receiving a guarded education. We should this fact, in the judgement of the committee, lessen at all, our interest in the institutions named, for we should not remember that we are not living for ourselves alone, but if, as a people, we have received new light, or been commissioned to proclaim to the world certain truths not fully recognized by others, it is clearly our duty to put our light upon a candle-stick, and not under a bushel.

We should [illegible] what they are doing for our own society, nor for the influence they are exerting upon those around us, in moulding public sentiment in favor of that [illegible] is just now [illegible] to us as a people. And in order that [illegible] under our supervision, we recommend the establishment of good private, [illegible] to take in the selection of teachers, not only to obtain those that are fully imbued with such as are thoroughly imbued with our religious principles and whose hearts are warmed from day to day by the love of our Savior, and thus filled for educators in the highest sense of the term.

[illegible] to the report for [illegible] and instruction is the [illegible] and our [illegible] these, especially in the country, are laboring under many discouragements. The committee sympathize deeply with them in the circumstances, and would encourage [illegible]

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with the older or younger, to participate in these services, and thus strengthen each other in the pursuit of that wisdom which can alone make wise unto salvation. And all connected with such schools should strive to make them as interesting and attractive as possible, for it is evident that they are an indispensable auxiliar to the church, & no society can expect to flourish that neglects this important service. Nor should we by any means limit our efforts in this direction, to the members of our own Society, but strive to gather in all, whether high or low, rich or poor, that they may share with us this priceless blessing.

But while we recognize the importance of keeping up these schools for scriptural instruction, we would also urge upon the attention of Friends the duty of maintaining that home culture so essential to the right training of our children. And since our Homes are not directly a gift to us from our Father in Heaven, but are very much what we make them, therefore the forming of correct views respecting our duties and obligations in this respect, at the very outset of home life; for as need arises from time to time are added to the family circle, the necessity for concert of action on the part of parents becomes more and more apparent.

In order to secure this, there must be not only more fixedness of purpose, but a willingness on the part of each, to make concessions; for Self-denial must be practiced daily in every happy home.

Another important feature in every well-regulated family, is the fullest sympathy on the part of parents, with their children; for this naturally wins their confidence and encourages the young to go to their parents with their temptations and trials, instead of seeking, as is too often the case, counsel and encouragement elsewhere.

And since it not unfrequently happens, that in the same family there is great diversity of taste and character, there should be great care taken, on the part of parents, to study carefully the nature of each, in order to supply the wants of all.

To do this requires much time and patience, but herein lies the secret of success, especially in home government, or in other words, educating children to govern themselves, for any other kind of discipline than this is worse than the evil passions

beyond the resources of time. One of the chief obstacles in the way of home education, is the want of time. Parents are so much occupied with business and domestic cares, that the instruction of the children is not unfrequently almost wholly neglected. And this is not all the case during six days of the week, for on the Sabbath, especially in cities, it is so much occupied that parents find very little time to mingle with their children in the study of the Bible or in strengthening of those social relations so essential to the welfare of their offspring.

The Committee would, therefore, earnestly impress upon such as occupy the responsible relation of parents, the importance of this subject.

In conclusion while we realize how little good can be expected by our efforts, we think Friends generally, should be encouraged, by what good has been accomplished, and press onward in the good work in which they are engaged with the assurance that the Lord will not only aid us, but bless our efforts.

For the Committee

Newport Orm. 13. 1871. J. H. Grosvenor, Clerk

The report afforded gratifying evidence of care and a lively concern on the part of the Committee to promote the educational interests of our children. We unite with our Friends in appropriating $100. to the disposal of the committee in aid of some of the more needy schools.

Committee.- Cynthia J. Earle, Anna Gould, Ellen M. Buffum, Phebe S. Gifford, Anna B. Smith, Anna M. Gee, Mary B. Brett, Charles C. Dillingham, Susan Tabor, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Hetty S. Potter, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Esther Jones, Emeline D. Cartland, Mary C. Hawkins, Lydia M. Pope, Abigail Wheeler, Lydia B. Dove, Maria Hedrick, Margaret B. Coates, Narcissa Jacob, Almira G. Hanson, Lydia C. Sawyer, Hannah M. Mosher, Harriet M. Briggs, Zilpha J. Shepherd, Sarah H. Winslow, Cynthia J. Green, and Abigail Gould.

Adjourned to Wednesday next Friends may meet this afternoon.

Sixth day afternoon. Met pursuant to adjournment.

Essays of Epistles to our sisters of Indiana, New York, London and Dublin have been read and approved. The clerk is directed to sign them together with those read at previous sittings and forward them to their respective meetings.

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The Committee appointed on Fourth day to consider the minute of this meeting upon the subject of Peace &c & report at this meeting, have presented the following, viz.:

It is in the line of Christ that we feel drawn to address our sisters on the great and momentous question of Peace and of the settlement of national differences by some other means than by the sword. The memories of the fearful conflict through which we have so lately passed, and the unprincipled and awfully devastating war in Europe, have, we believe, stirred up the minds of many of us to see that we have a great work to do, and that it is the Christians work. Christ said "Blessed are the peacemakers". Has not the time come when women should arise in unity and strength and say, "We must have Peace", and urge upon the legislators, in every country, the necessity of settling misunderstandings by arbitration.

Let us band together, as Christians ought to do, and push this vital question forward. Let us no longer be under the dominion of these carnal weapons, but let us by our earnest appeals for moral force and Christs rule, show to the world that God has not forgotten to be gracious to those who work under the direction of the "Prince of Peace".

Which is satisfactory, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting and cause three thousand copies to be printed and forwarded with the Minutes of this meeting to the different Mo. Mtgs. not only for distribution among Friends, but also for general circulation.

The Clerk is authorized to sign on behalf of this meeting, the following Minute for our friend Edith Griffith, viz.:

"Our beloved friend Edith Griffith attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us." And similar ones for our friends Deborah C. Thomas, Phebe Ann Gaskill, Hannah S. Fr., Sarah W. Congdon, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah E. Jenkins and Sarah Gidley.

The Clerk is also directed to sign the following Minute for our friend Catharine P. Rider, viz.:

Our beloved friend Catharine P. Rider acceptably attended this meeting." And similar ones for our friends Elizabeth W. Young, and Elizabeth R. Haviland.

The Clerk is directed to cause the Minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among the families of Friends.

[illegible] to [illegible] and to appoint Wm. H. Collins, Rachel S. Haviland, Susan Taber, Dorcas S. Tatum, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail C. Bond, Gertrud. W. Cartland, Ann B. Earle, Narcissa Jacob, Ezekiel Jones, Thomas S. Nelson, Anna T. Dennis, Ellen R. Wilson, Mar. A. Smith, Ann J. Batty, and Sylvia G. Haviland to cooperate with said committee in the concern for the ensuing year.

Our hearts are bowed in fervent acknowledgment to our Holy Head for His manifest favors and aid during the sitting of this meeting. Subjects of unusual interest and importance have claimed our consideration and we have been favored to act upon them in much harmony and love.

While new spiritual blessings have been bestowed upon us, we have not been unmindful of our dear absent friends, and it is our prayerful desire for them as for ourselves, that, at this time of the Yearly Meeting we may grow stronger in faith, warmer in love, brighter in hope, and better prepared to fulfill our mission as disciples of him who declared, "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit."

We conclude, proposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

Statistics

Queries 1st. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been held as usual. Some Preparative meetings have been omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather. Those on First days appointed by the quarterly meeting, which [illegible] as appointed, will come next Eighth month in the middle of the week. Called to close the door, five instances of sleeping; no other unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans. 2d. Love and unity is in a good degree maintained and the [illegible] meeting. We [illegible] to our Members.

Ans. 3d. Not known to have to [illegible] case in the meeting during the [illegible]

visibly and deeply concerned, endeavoring to [illegible] Friends, with [illegible] are not as careful in these respects as our discipline requires. We trust the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

Ans. 4th. Clear in the several particulars of this query with an exception of attending places of public amusements, where some care has been taken.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. That children duly partake of learning. We know of none placed from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. We believe most Friends are concerned that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline, though there have been some deviations.

Ans. 7th. We know of no violation of our testimony in these respects.

Ans. 8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts - to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and are [illegible] careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th. Recording is attended to, and wholly clear with regard to certificates: Some care taken.

Ans. 10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as query and to close judgment, when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth according to our Discipline.

Epistle

from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Rhode Island in the Sixth Month 1871.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London

Dear Sisters

We have been favored again to assemble in our Annual meeting, and we would gratefully acknowledge the favor and blessing of the Head of the Church who has been pleased on our deliberations.

Our meeting is large and we have been favored with the company of many ministering Friends from other Yearly Meetings & have had precious seasons together in which our spirits have been bowed before the Lord, & we trust we have been quickened and instructed in the remembering of the mercies and the strengthening and building up in the most holy Faith & those who have stood surrendered themselves to the gentle rule of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We feel the Apostolic exhortation of Paul to be applicable to our meetings for religious worship and discipline, and to be seeking to prove for them the sensible presence & direction of the Holy Spirit; so that, while the outward ministration may be said to cease, we may experience that true worship is performed, and that in an Gospel & strengthened sense, "the whole of our worship, both in prayer & supplication in the truth", Even so, "Let us have faith", that all our meetings "be held in the power of God", & endeavor to experience that under this service, we should endeavor to "wait upon the Scriptures with meditation and prayer", to have our minds prepared more immediately to enter upon the solemn act of public worship - and also to present our bodies, a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God - as Paul exhorts us from weariness and exhaustion, remembering that it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom & love to encircle our spirits in these tabernacles of clay, a body of wonderful construction, liable to fatigue & to divers infirmities and that while they are connected the one is so influenced by the other; so that we are ready to say, with the Apostle "the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do" Methods have been encouraged

...ness only to be diligent themselves, in the performance of their duty, but to take them Christian with them, trusting that virtuous impressions are often repeated made, the seed sown in the minds of even young children will be of lasting effect;- or, if sometimes apparently obliterated, may be brought to mind in later life. The remembrance of a mother's prayer has been the means, in the Divine hand of recalling many a wanderer back to the paths of virtue and peace. The promise is sure, "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days".

We are led to believe that there are many, who, near or feeding on the unsatisfying husks of worldly pleasure or of forms of religion, without the real substance may be tenderly towards us, with the hope of speeding in our simple forms and unpretending observances, the expression of those great truths which shall satisfy the longing desires of their souls. May the Church be careful to encourage any such sincere seekers, opening wide her loving arms to welcome and gather them in, to the enlarging of her own borders and the salvation of immortal souls.

The very important subject of Peace, has been again introduced into our deliberations, and a concern has been felt, that we, as a religious community and a branch of the Christian Church are called upon more decidedly than ever before, to raise our voice against the wicked practice of resorting to arms to settle differences between nations and to use our utmost influence towards introducing more peaceful measures for the settlement of national controversies.

The increasing influence which women is exerting in the world, leads us to hope that our efforts for the promotion of this great Christian cause, may be more successful than those of our predecessors have been, and may receive the blessing of Him at whose advent the joyful proclamation was made, "on earth peace, good will towards men". May this acceptable spirit be revived during the sitting of our meeting, and rest down to our great satisfaction & comfort.

We rejoice that we have your sympathy in our efforts for the promotion of the welfare of the Indian tribes, & the Black people, both of whom, so long & so grievously wronged & oppressed. We are, dear friends, your sisters. Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Gertrude W. Eastland, Clerk

To the Saints sharing in Women's Witness Call in Israel

Dear Sisters

With love, prayer and gratitude would we testify to the strengthening and fruitfulness of the Lord at this interesting occasion.

This solemn gathering together with delight at your and the great Sun has manifested Spirit's labor will [illegible] convenient for them to. It may truly be said, Unto us the eternal Spirit of the God Jesus, according to the good pleasure of our Father in Heaven, we have partaken of angels' food with silent & vocal reverence and praise.

A goodly company of the Lord's witnesses and messengers from divers portions of His inheritance has been present, whose offerings in the service of the sanctuary "which the Lord hath pitched and not man", have been not only salutary and edifying but also equitably diversified and rightly divided, and, above all, fragrant with the Holy anointing. Amongst them are seen the veterans of the cross with the dew of their youth upon them, honorable with years and wisdom, and the stripling with his simple sling and stone. Some of them resemble Timothy who was early instructed in the Scriptures and taught by Paul the elder to "preach the word", to "do the work of an evangelist" to "make full proof" of his "ministry" because the time of the departure of this spiritual father and eminent apostle of Jesus Christ was at hand.

Glad tidings of the heavenly land have been brought to us and the wedding raiment Christ wrought, which is all-sufficient to keep us to overcome our obstacles in our way to His kingdom & rest. The testimony of the Psalmist may apply to this day of heavenly visitation "The Lord gave the word, great was the company of them that published it. Kings of armies did flee apace; and she that tarried at home divided the spoil."

The allusion in your sisters epistle to your dread lest in the removal of some of the brethren & the Church & the pioneers whose names are written in Heaven, that ours should be overlooked, meets with sympathy. We, too, have been chastened and may sensibly feel the absence of those who, in meekness and faith fought their race gain, and are through the merits and blood of Christ, are, we thankfully believe, "gone before".

We are thus solemnly admonished, "Be ye also ready."

We have highly prized the company and services of the dear brethren in Israel whose places must soon be filled by others,

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Christ, we believe are rejoicing for the "travail of their soul". Many of our younger Sisters are also in attendance, a goodly number of them Sisters blessed with the heart unto righteousness, and with the tongue made confession unto salvation through the cardinal blood of Christ. Others, we believe, are seeking the Lord, and the Sisters are encouraged to plead for the forgiveness of their sins in the name of Jesus that only Saviour, and we pray for them that they may feel the love of God shed abroad in their hearts and cheerfully enter into the service of their God. It is a joyful thing to know that we have passed from death unto life. While this point remains unsettled we shall make no progress. Let us as a faithful family depend on our claim upon the blessed promise of Christ "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out". When the love of God fills our hearts, grateful for such unmerited pardon and free salvation through Christ Jesus will stimulate us to enter cheerfully into his loving service, and we shall count it our highest joy to do his will on earth with the hope of eternal life with him in glory.

May dear mothers and daughters unite in building one another up in the most holy faith and gathering souls to Christ even from the highways and hedges. Then will the Lord's own power be brought into dominion, and many be turned from darkness to light.

We thankfully acknowledge your sympathy and interest in our labors among the Brethren, as well as the loving regards of the Synod. May you still prayerfully cherish those two important interests.

The late terrible war in Europe has deeply pained our hearts, while its sad effects are so visible, it seems a favorable time to set forth the subject of Peace; that this beautiful feature of the message announced in angels to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem, may be faithfully promulgated, received by all nations; that the blessed day may be hastened when Peace shall extend her blessings over Jerusalem to stay.

Now unto him who is able to exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland

Clerk.

To the Dear Sisters & Brethren in the ... Yearly ...

Dear Sisters -

With a tear mingled with joy and love we send our annual greeting to each ... receipt of your cheering epistle together with those of other Yearly Meetings which have truly ... comforting & our hearts to rejoice.

We remember the acknowledgments we have taken, in these our annual gatherings, no especial benefits from a loving Father's hand. He who is the Head of all right gathered assemblies has indeed gathered us into his banqueting house and his banner over us has been love. Fervently and earnestly now by the same Spirit we crave for you the fulfilling of that prayer of our dear Master for his disciples, that we may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length & height, and to know the love of Christ; that we may know of being thus rooted established in the truth, united and grounded in the faith, even that faith which overcometh the world.

In your concern for the Freedmen and the Indians and in other benevolent objects we bid you God speed.

May we claim a portion of your time and share largely in our supplications, and may it be our united prayer that God will give us wisdom to use to his glory the talents he has given ability and opportunity.

We desire that, with you and us, the young people may still be encouraged to wait in the fear of the Lord, in the Holy Spirit and thereby become qualified to labor in the vineyard; may they be willing to learn God's will concerning them and be able to find their place in the church militant here on earth, their Master.

Our meeting, at this time is large and many of the young are still with us. Some of these, we believe, are settled in the truth as it is in Jesus; others are inquiring the way to Zion: and as they are thus gathered with the tried of heart, a desire is apparent to maintain our principles in simplicity.

The delegation of dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, which we have been favored to see is unusually large; and their labors among us have been truly edifying.

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[illegible] our Yearly Meeting our Yearly Meeting with God, living in the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of worshiping him in the Spirit of Holiness, has been favoured and clearly set forth; and all have been invited to an entire dedication of heart to God and to his Service.

The Salvation of Our Children particularly claimed our attention and the obligations that rest upon mothers and daughters have been clearly portrayed. We have been entreated to discourage in our children any disposition to retaliate injuries received that through our care and watchfulness under the blessing of God they may be prepared to sing the anthem, "On earth peace, good will towards men."

Now unto God and the word of his grace we commend you & remain, with the Salutation of love, your sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends to be held in Baltimore.

Dear Sisters

As we have again been permitted to assemble at our annual Feast, your acceptable epistle, together with those of other Yearly Meetings, has been refreshing to our Spirits, and we have been renewedly sensible of that love which binds together the whole household of our believers and to realize "the precious unity of that Spirit which is hid with Christ in God."

Our meeting for worship has been large and many faithful messengers of the gospel have been with us from other Yearly Meetings, who have testified to the riches both of the power & goodness of God. But this we can never realize for ourselves till we are brought to the foot of the cross, and there, as little children, taught in the school of Christ, who will as we are faithful and obedient to the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, the promised Comforter, teach us all things and reveal himself as the Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father the Prince of Peace.

Upon considering the state of Society as evinced by the reports from the different Quarterly Meetings, a very precious spirit was [illegible] the meeting & matters particularly were affectionately and tenderly addressed.

They were encouraged to take their little ones to meeting with them and thus early in life train them to silent waiting before the Lord teaching them to listen and obey the still small voice which they often hear, but like little Samuel of old do not understand; and this the watchful prayerful mother will explain, and then they will be brought to the Shepherd's fold, who will watch over and care for them when in after life they may be far separated from the loving mother.

Various subjects of interest have claimed the attention of our meeting at this time,- First day Schools with Scriptural instruction, the education of the Freed-men and the watchful care and training of the Indian in the various duties of civilized and Christian life. The reports of the labor bestowed, and the improvements already made by some of this wronged and injured race were deeply interesting.

The subject of Peace has claimed our attention and we have been earnestly exhorted to be faithful to let our light shine on those around, truly recognizing the doctrines we profess, and, in meekness and humility, under the guidance of the Prince of Peace discourage the spirit of war in others.

There are many fields of usefulness open before us and there is need of more faithful laborers. May the Lord, who can alone call and qualify, be pleased to send more laborers into His harvest-field.

With a salutation of love we are your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for North Carolina.

Dear Sisters

As we have listened with deep interest to the reading of Epistles from yours and other Yearly Meetings, fraught as they are with the Spirit of Christian love, and sisterly sympathy, we have increasingly valued the value of such correspondence, instrumental, as it certainly is, in strengthening the bond which unites the members of the Gospel branch of the church of Christ; and the more we are united in the ties of

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Christ, the Elder Brother be prepared to labor effectually against the evil which abounds in the world.

We have at this time the very acceptable company of many Friends in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings and most earnestly do we desire that the precious testimonies they have been enabled to bear to the reality of the religion of Jesus and the certain fulfilment of the promises of the gospel, to those who keep their covenant with their God in heaven, may awaken the indifferent and encourage and strengthen the faltering disciple of a crucified but risen Savior.

The attendance is large at this our annual assembly, and our hearts have been cheered & warmed by the presence of many of our dear young sisters, who have manifested by their serious deportment & their interest in what appertains to the well-being of the church that their hearts have been touched by the love of God; and this interesting class has been proved peculiarly invited by the dear "mothers in Israel" to turn away, now, in the very spring-time of life, from all that would hinder their growth in the truth assured that their happiness, even here, would be largely increased, and a heavenly inheritance made sure.

Dear ones our hearts go out in sympathy with you under the many trials and privations to which you have been subjected, and we desire that He who never fails to sustain his trusting children will be with you, upholding you by his all-powerful arm.

With a salutation of love, we are your sisters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends to be held in Ohio, etc.

Dear sisters:

In a measure of that love which is both ancient and new, we feel drawn to offer you the salutation of affectionate remembrance desiring that grace and peace may be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God & of Jesus our Lord.

This, our annual meeting is large, and being permitted

to enjoy a rich share of Divine goodness, our hearts are inspired with gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift that as upon we are dependent for our blessing. It is to Him our Heavenly Father, that we owe our all.

How solemn are the obligations imposed upon believers to fulfil the requirements of the gospel; and precious are the promises that apply to those who do. May it be our unfeigned concern to seek to know the gracious invitation of the Father's will, desiring in our religious engagements, that whatsoever we take in hand to do may be done to the glory of God.

The sweet experience of Christ in the Comforter, prepares the cross-bearing disciple to follow the dear Redeemer through evil and through good report, Buried with Christ in baptism into death as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. How soothing meditation upon the unbounded love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord seeking for the blessed communion of Saints with Christ in His heavenly Kingdom, reminding that "God is light" and if we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

In sending your acceptable epistle of love, together with others, from your company to us; and may it be our continued endeavour to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We have the company of a number of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings including several from your's. Their labours of love have been encouraging and we hope their visits of Christian counsel will not be lost. Our dear young Friends have appeared solemnized to resign themselves to the service of their Lord; and we would tenderly exhort them not to defer covenanting with a covenant-keeping Redeemer, but confide in Him as their living Savior; be willing to sit at His feet to listen to His gracious teachings, keep the eye single to Him as a guide, the Shepherd he will guide you in paths of peace.

Many are the opportunities for doing good, and especially those of the kind all those instrumentalities which are of His own appointment, tending to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, into the patient waiting for Christ. We pray that you may be preserved faithful. Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Gertrude W. Cartland, Clerk.

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To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear sisters

Being again permitted to gather in a Yearly Meeting capacity, our hearts have been strengthened in the remembrance of our beloved brethren and more dear sisters in Christ; and desire have been raised, that our minds may be covered with Divine grace and endued with wisdom to transact the business of the church in Harmony: that the banner which the Lord hath given to them who fear Him may be displayed because of the truth.

The reading of our acceptable epistle, with those from other Yearly Meetings, hath introduced us into Sympathy with our sisters abroad; and we feel that those testimonies of Christian love are links in the chain that binds us together in a bond of union as children of the same Almighty Parent whose watchful care is over us guiding and preserving all who put their trust in Him.

Our Yearly Meeting is large, and we have with us many of the Lord's anointed servants whose messages of love have tendered our hearts; and we have been led to inquire "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits?"

The query have been prevalently impressed to make a full consecration of ourselves to Christ who stands with open arms to receive them with a reward of a hundred fold in this world and in the world to come life everlasting.

One important consideration of our lives should be the proper improvement of time. In this day of awakening when the fields are white already for harvest, we should be careful to "spend no moment but in purchase of its worth" and to stand ready to go forth at the Master's bidding to the Divine command, whether it be to relieve the suffering, to teach the ignorant, to raise the depressed, to point the way of life and salvation to the lost and dying sinner.

And, dear sisters, may we be often brought at the throne of Grace, seeking to have our will conformed to that of our Father's, that nothing may stand between us and our Savior. The cause of Scriptural instruction and the distribution of Bibles and tracts still claim an increasing interest with us.

The cause of Peace is likely to be one in which we should labor with earnest zeal: and the prayer of many hearts is

that the Lord will hasten the day when the Sword shall learn no more to wage war, and instead of the clashing of arms & the din of battle shall be heard the joyful anthem, "On earth peace, good will towards men".

And now dear Sisters, unto him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, we commend you with our selves, and are your Sisters

Signed in behalf of the meeting.

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Under a grateful sense of our Heavenly Father's love and mercy, in permitting us once more to mingle in our annual gatherings and to feel His overshadowing presence we are led to exclaim, "What shall we render unto thee, O God, for all thy benefits?"

We have been edified and comforted at this time by the reading of your epistle, with those from the different branches of our Church, and we feel that we cannot be still, appreciate these sacred privileges, commingle with the spirit of the whole duties in a thankful end.

We have been reminded of the state of our Society by the reading of the Queries and Answers; and while there has been our petitions that Israel's unslumbering Shepherd may watch over us keeping us near to Him, that instead of becoming a light of stumbling to the honest inquirer after truth, we may be as lights in the world thus fulfilling the holy injunction "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven".

We have had talented & devoted friends from other Yearly Meetings. Their faithful labors of love have been refreshing and encouraging to us, causing our hearts to overflow with gratitude to the Giver of all good, who has turned the heart of so many of His servants to this part of His vineyard; and most deeply do we feel our own

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must at last [illegible] from what we have, that it may [illegible] the morning cloud or the early dew but that we may bring forth more fruit to the glory of God.

Dear friends, dear ones, we earnestly invited to come to Christ, the Bridegroom, with you and us, that these invitations and the gentle whisperings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, taking up the cross & following it meek and lowly Saviour, that we may come forth as plants of the Lord's own right hand planting, faithful and qualified for his service in the church.

The Bible and tract cause and First-day school instruction have a growing interest with us; the freedmen and the Indians, also, still claim our sympathy and attention: and, as we remember the many calls upon us, as professing Christians, can we not adopt the language "the harvest truly is great and the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest"

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Iowa.

Dear Sisters

Whilst thus responding to your acceptable epistle of 9th month last, we feel grateful to the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort for the many tokens he causes upon us, and the love & interest is the renewed evidence of [illegible] the minds of sisters interest and the [illegible] only [illegible] the importance of feeling bright the chains of [illegible] relationship, but [illegible] it a privilege to be one [illegible] others helpers in the Lord.

We have the acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose labors of love we trust will be blest.

Our meeting is as large as usual and there is a concern to transact the affairs that come before us under the direction of the wisdom that cometh of God; as we feel as the apostle did "as the hand of their masters and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress" so our minds are stayed singly turned to Jesus, carefully following the finger of his Spirit, prayerfully guarding against a disposition to lean unto our own understanding; so that we may ever be found trusting in the Lord with the whole heart and in all our ways acknowledging him that he may direct our paths.

We have been renewedly impressed with the absolute need of a change of heart, of "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ", of "knowing him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death", "and we can't acceptable serve him or bring forth fruits that will redound to the honor & praise of the Godhead life and glory.

As a people we feel we are called to uphold the standard of Peace before the people. For there is at this time a libelous spirit spread over us and earnest desires have been expressed that the mothers, the sisters and daughters may do their part toward fulfilling the day when "swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning-hooks", when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more"; but all may unite in the heavenly anthem "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and good will towards men."

Now, the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever & ever. Amen!

With a salutation of love, we are your sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

1871. Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters

The love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord
we again salute you. We feel been graciously permitted to meet
once more in our annual gathering, and although many of
those who have met with us heretofore have gone to their eternal
reward, may we who remain a little longer in the church
militant, through grace, abide in faithfulness to the end,
and then with them at the Second Christ until we all meet
in the church triumphant

We have at this time the peculiar encouragement
of many responses of the Lord from our Quarterly Meetings,
and the gospel testimony of the Lord, we believe, in
demonstration of the Spirit and with power. Paul may
plant and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase. May
he visit the hearts of the ministers, and cause them to
abound to his own glory and to the good salvation of
souls. Young people as well as elder Friends been entrusted talents
to be in their right place, and to be willing faithfully to bear
the cross and follow in the footsteps of his children.

We have been impressed afresh with the importance of
our daily life and conversation the principles of Christian
life as held forth to us, and to be more ready to give a
reason for the hope that is within us, in order to dis-
seminate our views in the world which seems to be more
and more ready to accept them.

We are glad to learn in our epistle that there
is a growing interest among us in the cause of first-day
schools, tracts and tract distribution and other benevolent
efforts. May we be diligent in the Lord's service
of seeking many souls to turn and find a Savior. May
we not be "weary in well doing" for in due season we will
reap if we faint not"

The interests of the freedmen and the
Indians still claim our attention. Much has been done
for them, and we find there is yet much to do. May
our time, talents, means and influence be used in
such a manner as to meet the approval of our Divine
Master. To whom we must each give an account;
and may you and we, dear sisters, strive in the

will - which God give to promote cause of truth and right
cause upon the earth and to exalt his kingdom amongst
men, always giving God the praise, for to Him alone it
is due.

Our love be with you all in Christ Jesus."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

Jones, Jane L. Hiatt, Mariette [illegible]
Burgum, Anna L. Dennis, Eliza B[illegible]
H. Hawkes, Sarah Slade, Elizabeth A[illegible]
Ann Gifford, Mary R. Hadwen, E[illegible]
Rose, Mary L. Hawkes, Guilelma Hutton
Elizabeth Nelson.

We appoint Abby W. Hall, Ann H. [illegible]
Lower, Mary A. Smith, Abigail McHenry, [illegible]
Gifford, Susan E. Slade, Mary [illegible]
Elders to prepare a Summary [illegible]
the Queries, to present at a [illegible]
meeting.

The Representatives are requested to, mee[illegible]
viz. & this meeting to confer upon the Subject

It is with gratitude to the Giver of all [illegible]
that we meet again in our annual Assembly, [illegible]
welcome a Concern daily is raised in [illegible]
coming together may not be in vain; that [illegible]
dependence upon Him, our Holy Head, we may [illegible]
from day to day, whether in Season or [illegible]
that the Standard of the Church shall [illegible]
comfort and refreshing of this Province, the [illegible]

Spirit.

We adjourn to the time & men Friends m[illegible]
this afternoon.

[illegible]

Elizabeth Slade, on behalf of the Representatives, re-
ported that were united in proposing Gertrude W. Bart-
lett for Clerk and Silas Bond for Assistant Clerk
which receiving the approval of the meeting, they are
appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Records of this meeting for last year have been
read.

We have at this time the acceptable company of
our beloved Friends, Lewis Bedell, Asa C. Wilbur, Jere-
miah M. Powell and Wm. Dingley Dear from the York
Yearly Meeting; Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore

Nicholas Hutchins, Elizabeth C. Hutchins, Phebe B. Hathaway, Daniel Hill, Edmund C. Byrd, and William Jenkins, Elders of Deep River Meeting; and Eliza H. Varney and Catharine Moore, Ministers and Cornelia Seaton, Elder; which were received satisfactorily in their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as Ministers and with the purpose of religious service among us.

We have obtained the acceptable company of our Ministering & Elder Friends, Nicholas Hutchins, Elder, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth C. Hutchins, Phebe B. Hathaway, Minister, and Cornelia Seaton, Minister, Lydia M. Hutchins, Elder, accompanied by her husband, William Jenkins, Allen M. and Polly G. Dorland, Elders accompanying our friend Eliza H. Varney, Rachel Cope, an Elder, companion to our friend Catharine Moore, and Richmond Hathaway, accompanying his wife Phebe B. Hathaway. Certificates from their several meetings have been read expressing unity with them in their present engagements.

We are also favored by the presence of other dear friends who are with us from neighboring Yearly Meetings with certificates

Adjourned to meet again on second day morning, the 17th inst. at 10 o'clock

Second day Morning met according to adjournment

During, we trust, the influence of the united unity in tender sympathy the fellowship of the Gospel, as members of one body, the meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of Society as exhibited in the Answers to the Queries from the Quarterly Meetings, as presented to the Yearly Meeting

Adjourned to 4 o'clock in afternoon.

Second day afternoon. Met at 4 o'clock.

The remaining

Queries and Answers were then read with a few remarks by the committee. While thus engaged, a fervent exercise of spirit has prevailed in the meeting, that while we rejoice in evidences of life and growth in the Truth, we sorrow with the accounts have indicated a disregard of our Christian requirements.

The spirit of religious meetings being neglected by many of our members have led to the oppression of burdened spirits on behalf of those dear sisters who allow trivial causes to hinder them from the performance of this duty, believing as we do, that great individual loss is thus sustained, & that the effect of such an example upon their families & all who come within the sphere of their influence is weakening and deadening. If we have a true sense of the weight & worth of eternal things - if the love of the dear Redeemer is paramount in our hearts, to every other affection, and if we believe the promises of our Lord that the secret prayer will be rewarded openly, and that where the two or three are gathered in His Name, He will always be in the midst, we shall prize, not only in seasons of special devotion, and the lifting our hearts reverently unto Him, while our hands may be occupied with the daily concerns of life, but also in the opportunity our meetings afford for soul-strengthening communion with Him. We shall regard the assembling of ourselves on the worship of our Almighty Creator, "who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of waters", not merely as a reasonable but as a blessed service. We shall long for the day, for the hour, when we may sit down together before the Lord, and offer unto Him the oblations which He has Himself prepared". Do some of our dear friends lose their interest in meetings because they are frequently small, and held in outward silence? Will those we would affectionately query - Have you been faithful yourselves in the meetings to which you belong? Have you presented yourselves in humble, reverent waiting before Him who is the true Minister of the Sanctuary, foreseeing that He will manifest Himself among you by the breaking of bread? Do this become your engagement of soul, & we believe you will not only realize a richness of joy in those of Heavenly love when assembled in your little meetings, but you will prove yourselves a life and blessing in the church. There are such meetings as the Lord designs we should always have and if we do not enjoy them, is it not from our own unfaithfulness?

We desire there may be greater earnestness among us for an increase of that faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart, and manifests itself in

vital, practical godliness, in ourselves is to put prior labor for the well being of our fellow men. And while we realize that we cannot change each others hearts - that the work of regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit upon those who are alive to its manifestations according to its Committalions and baptisms, we all ajoined Each our Heavenly Father visits us to be our helpers on our heavenward journey, and that although true religion remains to be a work of inward experience our Divine Master is often pleased to appoint and bless outward instrumentalities to our growth in grace, our advancement in the way of salvation. The daughters will be found holding up the hands of the mothers, and mothers encouraging the daughters all endeavoring to honor our God in word and deed amongst men, and to employ the gifts committed to us in His service.

It is only as our own spirits are subdued, regulated and guided by the love of Christ, that the true wife seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked and thinketh no evil, can prevail amongst us, and we can realize in its fullness, the preciousness of mutual confidence, the strength and comfort of united service. May the great Searcher of hearts, make us alive to our own failures and mistakes, and give us that spirit of heavenly charity, which will enable us to sympathize more with the sufferings and sorrows, but still the temptations of those around us, and to watch carefully, lest, speaking unadvisedly with our lips, we injure a dear brother or sister, and bring reproach upon the cause we desire to honor.

"Guard well thy lips, none, none can know
What evil from the tongue can flow;
What guilt, what grief may be incurred
By one incautious, hasty word."

The responsibility of parents has been impressively dwelt upon - mothers have been reminded that the highest welfare of their children, their present and future happiness must depend greatly upon the faithful discharge of their parental duties. We rejoice in the belief that it is the sincere engagement of many to abide at the feet of their

[illegible] to be seeking that they may receive fire from above to burn their precious plants in the Lord's vineyard.

In intimate & pious mother in daily intercourse with her family, her words & efforts she entirely and especially the faithful upholding of the Christian standard in her example, which is the most powerful & all teaching, seldom fails to make a deep and lasting impression on child, to encourage a love for those things which are pure, lovely & of good report.

We are comforted in the belief that among our dear young sisters, there are many who, led by the Holy Spirit, are sincerely endeavoring, in the love of Christ, to be conformed to his will. Patient submitting to the work of the Refiner in their hearts, and all that is comparable to the dross and tin be thoroughly purged away, that they may come forth as gold, prepared to adorn the doctrine of the dear Redeemer, in all things.

The careless ones, whether young or in more advanced years, who, turning a deaf ear to the pleadings of his kindness, in their devotion to the world are strangers to the discipline of the cross and the joys of the dear Redeemer's kingdom, have been tenderly warned of the dangerous path they are treading, and exhorted to come unto him who alone can renew their hearts, pardon their transgressions and enable them to consecrate their time & talents to nobler, happier service. And in the fullness of consecration which our Lord requires, we shall be willing to do whatever he bids us; the whole tenor of our lives will be conformed to his holy will; the garments we wear, the words we utter, the furniture of our dwellings, all will testify of our allegiance to the meek & lowly Savior.

We will endeavor to persuade ourselves that these are merely non-essential things, yet the love of them is a certain indication that, whatever we may profess, we are not in possession of the life and power which is the substance of that religion which Christ himself practiced, and which leads out of conformity to the world.

Although our attention has been so often called to the subject of unprofitable reading, we feel that its importance demands line upon line and precept upon precept. We cannot be blind to the influence

which the thoughts and views inculcated in the books we read exert upon our minds, and we would entreat parents and teachers seriously to consider whether they are sufficiently careful to provide for their children and those under their direction such intellectual food as will be found profitable.

The company of several gospel ministers from other Yearly Meetings has been a strength & comfort to us. We believe they have been commissioned to speak precious words in season to hungering, needy souls. While spiritual bread has been broken and Jesus lifted high, dear absent sisters, who have often shared with us here in the Heavenly Feast, have been brought lovingly to our remembrance. Some of them, confined by chains of sickness, we doubt not have been with us in spirit, and it is a sweet thought that for them, too, the bounties of our Lord's table have been spread.

And while thankfully acknowledging the vocal services of anointed servants, we feel assured the secret prayers, the silent travail of soul of many devoted ones has been no less blessed to individuals and to the church.

We have united with our friends in changing the hour of holding Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting from 11 o'clock to 10½ A. M., and in changing the time of holding Salem Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, in the 10th month from 10 o'clock A. M. to 3. P. M.

Adjourned to meet in joint session with our friends to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock

Third day morning

Met pursuant to adjournment

The committee on the revision of the Book of Discipline presented the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee on the revision of the Book of Discipline report that as directed at our last Yearly Meeting they have procured the printing of 500. copies of the [illegible] as it now stands with [illegible]

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[illegible] copies be distributed in the usual [illegible] among
[illegible] in the General Conference, the [illegible] with a request that
[illegible] should be returned, with [illegible], in season for
further consideration by the committee, previous to final
[illegible] and report. The work was [illegible] to the committee
of this [illegible] examination and [illegible], and is [illegible]
to the disposal of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the committee

Charles Cox,
Geo. [illegible],
Geo. Maitland Jr.,
Rowen C. [illegible]

Newport, Iowa., 15., 1872.

[illegible] was read and accepted and the meeting proceeded,
under a sense of its responsibility and a prayerful desire for
right guidance, to the careful consideration of articles pro-
duced in the disciplinary part of the work, which with slight
changes were adopted

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon

Second day afternoon, met according to adjournment

The reading of the Discipline was resumed
and several additional articles were approved & passed.

Adjourned to meet again in [illegible] to-morrow
morning at 10 o'clock

Third day morning. Met at 10 o'clock

The examination of the Discipline was continued. Several articles were read and adopted.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock

Fourth day afternoon. Met at 4 o'clock.

The remaining portion of the Discipline was read and some further amendments were proposed and accepted.

We acknowledge with thankfulness the Christian [illegible] in which we have been favored during the discussion of the important subjects which have claimed our attention at this sitting.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon

Fifth day afternoon. At 4 o'clock we assembled in joint session.

The Book of Discipline, with its various amendments as adopted, and it is decided that our Semi-Annual meetings shall be governed by its

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting shall be [illegible] Thomas Evans, John Miller Cadbury, Henry T. Wood of Williamsport, be [illegible] to revise [illegible] One thousand copies to be printed in suitable form as a tract, and to furnish each Quarterly Meeting with the number required for their use, - the balance of the issue to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this meeting to be sold to our members or not.

We desire to express our appreciation of the diligent labors of the committee who have had in charge this work of revision, which is thus so satisfactorily accomplished.

[illegible] from our Quarterly Meetings, that we should take into consideration the subject of holding General Meetings for divine worship within our limits, under the care of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting. Regarding the proposition as one of great importance, a deep exercise spread over the meeting, that, led by the guidings of our Holy Master, we might come to a right conclusion. Many full expressions [illegible] in favor of granting the request, the men and women Ministers and Elders in attendance at this meeting are requested to meet [illegible] and gather [illegible] Meetings, and [illegible] the names of such as may be appointed, and report to this meeting at its next sitting.

[illegible] Meetings [illegible] to appoint a committee, to [illegible] for holding General Meetings in any locality, it shall be the duty of the Yearly Meeting's committee to see that several of their number are in attendance, and this committee is to report to the Yearly Meeting next year.

Committee on General Meetings

Cyrus Bacon, Gideon B. Smith, Cyrus Pierce, Gulielma M. Howland, Samuel Bacon, Jesse Kersey, Elizabeth H. Bacon, Abigail M. Hoxie, William B. Tatum, David N. Lord, Susan T. Reed, Susan Lukens, Hiram Mendenhall, Elizabeth Jones, Jane G. Hunt, Caroline D. Satterthwait, Richard Bailey, Samuel M. Collins, Rebecca Knight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Jesse Jones, Thomas E. Darby, Edward H. Burgess, Joseph A. Shall, Martha E. Shall, Mercy A. Savage, Joseph Taylor,

Chas. F. Coffin sen.r Seaman M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Silas Wade, Thomas E. Stern, Stephen Beale, Edward H. Rowland, Rachel S. Rowland, Maria B. Jones Eliza P. Gardner, Ruth W. Wood

The meeting then adjourned, to meet in Separate Session at 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Sixth day morning, met at 10 o'clock

The London General Epistle of 1871 was then read

It appeared to be the earnest judgment of all our members, that the instructive and varied counsel it contains, and the clear and forcible presentation of Christian doctrine & duty,

Essays & Epistles to our sisters of London, Dublin, Iowa, Ohio, Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings were then read and approved

The Minutes of the Representative Meeting have been read and are very interesting, especially the portion alluding to the care extended by the committee on Indian affairs to those tribes which our national government has committed in a great measure to the oversight of the Society of Friends

We trust the members of that committee will be encouraged in continued faithful labor in this direction.

The following Friends are appointed to constitute a Representative Meeting, for the ensuing year:

David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, William W. Taber, Charles F. Tucker, Henry T. Wood, Edward Earle, Edward H. Rowland, Charles F. Coffin 2d, Thomas Brown, Rowse T. Jones, Eli Jones, Richard Bailey, Mrs. Sally Bennet Jones, Stephen Cartland, Newell Hoyt, Stephen Chase, William O. Newhall, Samuel H. Colton, Thomas E. Stern, Moses Sawyer, Sarah W. Farnum, Eliz. Peck, William A. Robinson, George Howland, Jr., Ellen K. Buffum, Stephen Jones, Eliza B. Boyce, Rachel S. Rowland, George Gardner, David H. Mott, Hannah G. Sawyer, Jane C. Mott, Jacob H. Pleasants, Wm. B. Earle, Thomas B. Richards, Rebecca Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Gertrude W. Cartland, Hannah J. Bailey, Susan Taber, Owen Dame,

The following report of the committee to attend to the interests of the Friends people of color, has been read, and its suggestions approved, viz.:

The Committee, under appointment to promote efforts for the relief and improvement

of the Freed people & other, present the following report viz.:

After mature deliberation on the part of the committee, it was decided that it would be best to continue our mission at Washington for another year, in view of the continued needs of the people and the prospect of further usefulness.

The schools were accordingly re-opened on the 18th of the 7th month 1871, under the care of our returned friends, John C. and Hannah Cox as Superintendents, and Hannah E. Haines as principal assisted by Mary C. Jenkins, Elizabeth C. Nichols, Susan Test and Josie Gardner.

And now we would again bear testimony, most gratefully to the faithfulness of these our Superintendents & teachers, and their earnest and conscientious devotion to their duties and to the best interests of those intrusted to their care.

The number of scholars was, at first, so small, as to tempt the committee to suppose that the mission was to be discontinued, but, after it was known that the teachers had returned and the schools were again opened, they soon came in till the rooms were well filled, and many more applied than could be received.

The number of scholars admitted was about 300, and the average attendance larger than in previous years. Indeed, a marked improvement has been apparent not only in their punctual attendance but also in their orderly behavior and cheerful submission to the necessary restraints of the school-room, which were at first so trying to the impetuous and ungoverned habits of these ex-slaves, unaccustomed to restraint of any kind.

The trustees of colored schools in the District of Washington furnished us with new desks, black boards and maps, and our school-rooms have been more comfortable and convenient than ever before.

Various members of the committee have, from time to time, visited the mission during the year, and we feel that we have great reason to rejoice in the amount of good that has been accomplished thro' its instrumentality.

The First day schools have been regularly kept up and have been well attended, and the interest in the study of the Bible is, we hope, increasing. Hannah Mariam writes, "The number and interest of former years has been fully sustained. This spring, two of our young men have been hopefully converted. We have been members of our

first to serve, for a long time, on way for the latter the Child & the scriptures with their teacher was the blessed means of bringing them to Christ. The committee have also interested a letter from one of these young men, Jacob Gans, to the Manager, expressive of his gratitude to the Soc. Friends for the religious instruction received through the medium of our First day Schools.

Meetings for religious worship have also been held regularly on First day evenings in the parlor of the Mission House attended by some of the members of the family and other friends residing permanently or temporarily in Washington

The winter in Washington was a severe and stormy one, work very scarce for some time after the beginning of the year, and the poor and sick of the neighborhood have greatly missed the care & attention of Sarah C. Wells, who was prevented, by sickness in her family, from resuming her place at the mission until about two months ago. She has been diligent, however, during the intervals, at her own home, to exhibit the labors of love and disinterested kindness to the suffering ones.

One child, a delicate little girl named Mary Smith, now about 14 years old, whose mother died, we found, about eighteen years ago, living in a low Irish family in a degraded condition, and subjected to very hard work & unkind treatment. She was taken, by permission of her father, into the mission family, where she was soon well clothed, and kindly cared for. She has regularly attended the schools, on First days as well as week days, & has endeared herself very much to the family and by her uniform good conduct and improvement in learning and in household affairs, has well repaid the care bestowed. We feel that she may be considered as a brand snatched from the burning."

The annual festival near the beginning of the new year was, as in previous years, an occasion of much interest to teachers and scholars, as well as to their parents and friends. Some friends of the mission, this year, met on the occasion at "Girls Institute" a large building, near by, which was kindly opened for the purpose. The Matron has wrote, "Though the weather was unfavorable, nearly

over 2 dozen was spent. Will be [illegible] paid separately for
either in declamation or dialogue, and nearly every member
of the school had some part in recitations or concert. "Some
religious services were also held". Presents were given by the
committee to teachers and scholars on the occasion & valuable
contributions were made by Friends of New Bedford, Providence
and Newport. A valuable box, contributed by Friends of Salem
and Lynn, was also sent, containing some articles for every
member of the school, viz., books, pictures, workbags, articles
of clothing &c, with toys for the little ones. Each was received
by the children with delight and gratitude. Later in the
season a box was received from Hollliston Mass. containing
a large supply of new garments for children, which were
very acceptable, and served to render comfortable many
a shivering child. Ten dollars were also contributed by
Friends of Weare, N.H. through the efforts of our friend
Mary Jenkins of Farmington, N.H., for the benefit of the
library of the First day school.

It will be remembered that we received in 1868 a
donation from kind friends in England, as a Normal School
fund for the purpose of educating teachers. We believe the do-
nors may feel assured that their generous gift has been ju-
diciously appropriated and has proved the means of doing
much good. Since our last report one young woman, Ellen
S. Fisher has graduated from the Normal department of
Howard University and entered actively upon the work of
teaching. Hannah E. Macomber reports that "Ellen S. Fisher
has taught all the year and has been very successful in
her school". Her sister Ruth Rebecca Fisher, also graduate of
Howard, enters the field with every prospect of being an equally suc-
cessful teacher." She rendered efficient service for a short time
in our mission school, the past winter, during the illness of
one of our teachers. One of our scholars, Roland Brown, has
been selected by the committee as another recipient of the
benefits of the fund, and has entered the Normal Depart-
ment of the University to qualify herself for a teacher.
Her graduation will also absorb the remainder of the
English normal fund at our disposal.

In presenting this our eighth Annual report, we are
sorry to add that we fear it may be our last as regards
the mission at Washington. We are grateful that the

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This is to inform the people of the Society of Friends, that we have been permitted to accomplish much good. We trust that the Yearly Meeting will not feel that their labors in behalf of the Freed people are at an end. The work may be considered as only well begun. Those long-suffering people so recently come out of the land of bondage will, for some time to come, need the fostering, watchful care of their faithful friends & Christians; and we trust a way may open for us, still to continue to extend a helping hand to educate & elevate them. In the financial report of our affairs herewith presented it will be observed that our present indebtedness is about $4000.

After mature deliberation the committee were united in instructing the Trustees to dispose of our real estate and other property in Washington at such time and in such manner as may appear to them most advisable, and after paying off the indebtedness of the mission, to hold any balance which may remain, subject to the disposal of the committee, for the benefit of the Freed people, in accordance with the original minute of the Yearly Meeting. Inasmuch as it is liable to require a year or more to close up this concern, we recommend the continuance of a committee.

On behalf of the committee

Edward W. Howland

Newport, 6th mo. 17. 1872 — Rebecca C. Grinnell

Edward W. Howland in act with Friends' Freedmen's Mission

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Am't paid Superintendent & teacher			$2,015.71	
Family expenses			1.405.14	
Repairs $134.82	Insurance $18.50		153.39	
Books $63.21	Cow $34		97.21	$3671.45

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Cash on hand 6mo 16. 1871	$ 357.63	
By am't rec'd from tenants	948.90	
Milk sold $30, Cow sold 34	64.	
Donations	44.57	
Trustees of colored schools	132.72	
From E. W. Howland	2089.63	$3671.45

Newport, 6mo 16. 1872. — Edward W. Howland

Note. The trustees hold personal & real estate valued at about $7000.

The Mission is indebted to E. W. Howland & Joseph Grinnell for money advanced & interest up to 6mo. 16. 1872. $4004.17.

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Balance in hands of committee [illegible]

Committee

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

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Clerk.

N. New York

"Grace be unto you and peace fr
our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ"
In view of the continued mercy of our
reading, dear, dear mamma, to enjoy his
and yet so, we can adopt the language of
"Blessed the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in
places in Christ"
Our epistle of victory, greeting has been
and is sweet to our spirits, giving us fitting to re
Christ is our Savior; our Christ, and all we are but
We are interested in your work of faith &
labors of the Freedmen and the Indians, whose
at the hands of the nation, give them a claim
which must continue for many years, May we
faithful to our responsibilities toward these chi
our common Father, for whom Christ died.
We agree with you in your belief that the
Christian Band within the limits of your Yearly Mee
during the four year have been for the promotion of
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opportunity which in your absence, the Blessed
Spirit will, We trust, not refuse

[illegible] that the communion we are
entitled that spiritual wants are
their spiritual means are still some fra
our hearts.

The welfare of the Indians and the
has also claimed our attention, and
prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that
more laborers in this vineyard.

The subject of holding General meeting
within the limits of our Yearly Meeting has a
our prayerful consideration, and we concurred
and felt and expressed that time meetings
they should be held, might be under the
and direction of the Head of the church
name might be exalted therein.

And now, dear Friends, fa
the grace of our God Jesus Christ and the
and the communion of the Holy Spir
you all.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

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Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

coming & near day with all shall
join Christians with the greatest".

from the Yearly Meetings, which precious
compelled our hearts. We have also with
young sisters, some of whom have learned
and the great source of Faith in, and entire
upon Christ our Hope for the world to come

The subject of holding General Meetings
within the limits of our Yearly Meeting has
our prayerful consideration, and we are
felt and expressed, that these meetings when
should be held, might be under the lead
direction & the Head of the church, and the
might be exalted thereby.

In endeavoring, dear Sisters, we

new an establishment upon the
gospel, the foundation which cannot be

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

unite you. Again our spirits bow
in a sweet solemn capacity, that we be better

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held on Rhode Island commencing on Second day 6th month 14th 1873

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are under Appointment as representatives to this meeting, viz: Thorn

Rhode Island - Elizabeth Meader, Sarah H. Tobey, Ellen D. Congdon, Cynthia G. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Sarah Slade, Mary A. Smith, Ruth Ann Collins, Arabella E. Wood, Gulielma Freeborn, Cynthia Bowen, Elizabeth Chace and Rebecca Anthony

Salem. - Mary E. Bond, Beulah W. Rogers, Abigail M. Hanson, Sarah Folsom, Ann B. Hoag, Lydia Pope, Hannah Paige, Hannah B. Sawyer, Lydia H. Bond, Lydia C. Neal, Phebe H. Burton, Ruth N. Bond, Narcissa Crosman, Lizzie K. Hoag

Sandwich. - Sylvia G. Howland, Sarah H. Anthony, Sarah Gifford, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Gulielma M. Howland, Huldah Gifford, Anna G. Wood, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Ruth H. Baker, Mary C. Gifford, Elizabeth C. Wing, Phebe T. Gifford, Lydia B. Crocker.

Falmouth. - Maria B. Jones, Jane G. Minott, Esther Nichols, Mary C. Hawkes, Lydia B. Hawkes, Esther Jones.

Smithfield. - Abby S. Bailey, Lydia Haight, Mary K. Hadwen, Christ B. Steere, Sarah H. Wheeler & Mary B. Wing

Nantucket. - No account

Dover. - Lucinda Pinkham, Susan C. Meader, Huldah S. Buffum, Maria Purinton, Lydia C. Jenkins, Naomi P. Hoag, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah G. Sawyer.

Fairfield. - Hannah G. Bailey, Eunice Winslow, Harriet N. Jones, Hepsie Hoxie.

who being called are present, (except Six: for the absence of two, sufficient reasons have been assigned.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting

in the appointment of Hannah B. Williams to the Station of elder, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phebe S. Anthony to the Station of elder.

Salem informs that they have united with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Franklin T. Huntington and Lavinia G. Huntington to the Station of elder, and with the same meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry of Charles H. Jones and Hannah B. Sawyer. They have also united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Owen Dorr, Joseph S. Nichols, Mary J. Paige, and Jacy P. Hawkes to the station of elder, and with the same meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of William C. Newhall.

Elizabeth Cox, a minister and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, deceased the 29th of 4th Mo. 1873 aged 76 yrs, 11 months and 1 day.

Sandwich reports the decease of Elizabeth Swift, an elder who died 11th mo. 3d 1872, aged 79 years 11 mos and 3 days.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Baltimore and Canada Yearly Meeting and also the Baltimore Epistle of 1871, which did not reach us in time for our last Yearly Meeting, have been received and read. We feel truly grateful for these messages of love and Christian interest, and rejoice that our Heavenly Father thus continues to draw his widely scattered children near to each other in love and sympathy, strengthening the bond of gospel fellowship and enabling them to be helpers one of another in every good work. We appoint the following Friends to prepare Essays & reply, as way may open for it, and present to a future Sitting of this meeting, viz:

Sybil Jones, Sarah F. Tobey, Phebe R. Gifford, Guilelma Freeborn, Mina C. Wood, Cynthia P. Earle, Elizabeth C. Wing, Lucinda Pickham, Lydia Haight, Julia Ann Boyce, Rebecca H. Grinnell, Ann Maria Coffin, Dorcas F. Tucker, Guilelma W. Howland, Ruth H. Baker, Mary Bailey, Lydia Rose, Ann R. Anthony, Harriet N. Jones, Margaret B. Coles, Susan Taber, Sarah F. Holmes, Ann B. Starr, Charity C. Chase, Ellen H. Buffum, Phebe Stevens, Eliza P. Price, Rebecca Hoag, Ann B. Earle

Hannah J. Bailey, Charlotte D. Holmes, Elizabeth S. Frye, Elija P. Gardner, Lydia C. Neal, Lydia E. Jenkins, Eunice Winslow, Maria Chase, Phebe S. Gifford, Arabella E. Wing, Abigail C. Beede, Martha Roberts, Gertrude H. Cartland, Hannah G. Lamson, Anna T. Dennis, Susan Ann Gifford, Huldah M. Beede, Rebecca H. Smiley.

We appoint Anna T. Dennis, Ruth B. Gifford, Mary H. Smith, Sylvia C. Haviland, Sarah H. Antram, Phebe W. Marble, Lucy P. Hawkes, Anna A. Gould & Ann K. Colton to prepare a summary from the answers to the Queries to present at a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close of this meeting to confer upon the subject of Clerks.

While permitted by the Father of all our mercies to meet and unite in our annual assembly, we believe it right to engage Him to grant unto us, that we may know the Lord in his condescending goodness to accompany us with his refreshing presence and heavenly counsel, whereby we may each be prepared for our allotted service, and the affairs of the church may be conducted in love, in meekness and wisdom to the advancement of his cause and the praise of his ever excellent name.

We adjourn to the time when friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met near 4 o'clock

Abigail H. Hanson, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that were united in proposing Gertrude H. Cartland for Clerk and Sarah F. Tobey for Assistant, which being approved by the meeting they are appointed to those services the ensuing year.

The Records of this meeting for last year have been read.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends William Green from Pueblo Yearly Meeting, Jonathan Dovell from New York Yearly Meeting, David J. Updegraff & Ruth Lloyd from Ohio Yearly Meeting, William Haughton and Luke Woodward from Indiana Yearly Meeting, Barnabas C. Hobbs from Western Yearly Meeting, Charles A. Tebbetts and his wife Mary H. Tebbetts from Iowa Yearly Meeting & William Rothwell from Canada Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressing unity with them

as ministers, and with their propers of religious servic
amongst us.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our
dear friends, George M. Sisson, a member of Stephen Quar
terly Meeting New York, companion to our friend Willia
Green, Mary Jane Devoll, an elder, accompanying her
husband Jonathan Devoll, Elvira T. Woodward accompa
nying her husband Luke Woodward, Joseph Griffen, com
panion to our friend William Haughton, Judith
Johnson companion to our friend Ruth Shotwell and Isaac
Mekel an elder from New York Yearly Meeting all of
whom have presented certificates from their several
meetings expressing unity with them in their present
engagements

May he who has thus sent forth his labourers to
scatter seed in this part of the field prepare the ground
to receive it, and may his blessing give the increase.

The company of several dear friends from other
Yearly Meetings, without certificates is also very grateful
to us.

An acceptable epistle from our sisters of Iowa Yearly
Meeting has been read.

Adjourned to meet again on Second day morning
the 16th inst. at 10 o'clock.

Second day, Morning —

Met according to adjournment

Under a precious sense of
the Divine overshadowing, wherein fervent desires have
been raised on behalf of the church, that through the
faithfulness of her members she may be clothed in the
beauty of holiness, and be strong for the accomplishment
of God's will in us, the meeting entered upon the consider a
tion of the state of Society as shown by the answers
to the Queries, from the several Quarterly Meetings, and
proceeded to the third inquiry.

Adjourned to four o'clock, this afternoon.

Second day afternoon, Met at 4 o'clock

The remaining Queries and Answers have
been read with the summaries prepared by the committee

While our attention has been turned to the evidences of
religious vitality or of weakness in the several

amongst us, much has been spoken in way of affectionate counsel and encouragement.

Allusion being made in the reports to neglect in the attendance of religious meetings, we have earnestly desired to guard against a worldly spirit, which leads not only to a disregard of this and other Christian duties, if our minds are absorbed with earthly pursuits, if our family care, the claims of social life or our business engagements are allowed to occupy the first place in our thoughts, and we accept the daily blessings bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father with little thankful, grateful recognition of His love and mercy, the duty and privilege of assembling to worship Him will be often overlooked or lightly esteemed.

We were glad that those who are diligent in the attendance of our meetings on First days are frequently absent from those in the middle of the week, believing that the faithful observance of these also times is really to our spiritual benefit, often bringing strength and peace in proportion to the sacrifice it requires. In the midst of our daily vocations, the temptations & perplexities that we all experience, how necessary for us often to take counsel of Him in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and as we are led in the love & our Almighty Father and under a sense of our dependence upon Him to turn aside from our worldly affairs and assemble in our week-day meetings, we shall be doubly blessed ourselves, and our public testimony thus borne may be the means of awakening others to religious thoughtfulness, to something better, more soul-satisfying than the ceaseless turmoil of the busy world. Every humble disciple of Jesus, in the conscientious performance of this duty, is like a city set upon a hill which cannot be hid.

In those small meetings are few small ones which vocal offerings are seldom heard how precious the assurance that the great Head of the church sees all its scattered members, the solitary one and the two or three who are gathered in His name, as well as the assembled multitudes, and is graciously disposed to feed them all from His own bountiful hand. As we are engaged to wait ourselves before the Lord in humble prayerful waiting, we learn to depend less upon the gifts and services of others, for we are permitted to realize, in the midst of outward silence, His Spirit to descend upon us as the refreshing rain

and the refreshing dews of Heaven.

We believe that our individual good, the benefit it is our privilege to derive from association with each other and our usefulness in the world as a religious community demand the greater prevalence amongst us of the Spirit of Christ, a more faithful, practical reliance upon what we profess to accept as the spring of all true service, a more entire willingness to live under the government of our divine Teacher and Leader, to have the mind and affections brought under the restraints of the gospel.

If we are thus, as sisters in Christ, perfectly joined together in the same mind, we shall enjoy more of Heavenly conferring intercourse, be prepared to judge more tenderly of each other's infirmities, and, with a humble estimate of ourselves, cherish an earnest desire to avoid, in thought or word, whatever may tend to the disparagement of a brother or a sister, or sow the seeds of discord in the church.

We are cheered by the company of many dear young sisters, among whom there appears increasing evidence of humble dedication to the Lord. While many of these are in the midst of surroundings but little calculated to promote their religious growth, how great the need of watchfulness unto prayer and of a frequent Heavenward look, a word of caution or of encouragement on the part of their more experienced friends.

A lively exercise has prevailed in the meeting on behalf of mothers and all who are entrusted with the training of children; and while feeling that no duty is free from difficulty, care and difficulty, we have been reminded of our high and holy privilege to present ourselves in prayer before Him who is ever ready to help, direct and strengthen all who call upon Him in living faith; true believers, as it is our fervent engagement of soul, that to assemble with our loved ones around the family altar, an increasing desire will be manifest to gather them with us in our public assemblies, that we may be refreshed together by the showers of blessing which it is the gracious delight of our heavenly Father to bestow upon his humble, waiting children.

We feel impressed that parental advice, especially when

enforced by an example & consistent piety, will a powerful influence in giving a right direction to the youthful mind and we cannot doubt many have been led, at this time, to carry with their own hearts whether they are, in the most important respects, good examples to their children, faithful as Christian mothers, the duties of their sacred trust. While we desire to invite our young people to a diligent, prayerful study of the Holy Scriptures and a careful discrimination in the choice of all their reading and associates, we have been impressively reminded that no mere routine of moral or religious duties, however commendable in themselves, can be a substitute for the transforming work of divine grace; and that none of us, by the farthest stretch of our intellectual powers, can find the way of salvation or understand the mystery of godliness,-the finite mind of man can never grasp the infinite of God. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." May it ever be the prayerful breathing of our hearts that the Lord will be pleased, by his enlightening power, to reach the hearts of our children, and lead them in sweet submission and trust into the blessedness of a new life-the life which is in Christ Jesus-to that sweet control which will regulate every act, and bring all their desires into conformity to His Holy will.

The declarations of our Blessed Savior are very clear and positive in reference to the narrow and the broad way, and if we believe his words and our love for him is true & fervent, we shall rejoice to follow his leading & find in what the worldling may deem a narrow way, the fullest, truest liberty-freedom from bondage to the fashions, customs & amusements of the world, and a pure enjoyment which none of these can afford, in the devotion of our time and all our gifts to loving, self denying service for our Master.

The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, from which we believe most of our own members have entirely free, has claimed our thoughtful consideration, and the question has arisen, are we doing all we can, in the world around us, to arrest the tide of intemperance which is yearly sending so many

testimony to an unbroken line and increasing families in succeeding years and now. In our Friends and particular within the circle of our influence are we maintaining our testimony faithfully and unequivocally upon this very important subject, thus evincing the cordial love of Christ and which requires us carefully to abstain from whatever may cause a brother to offend?

While various subjects of interest have thus claimed our attention, we have missed dear sisters whose affectionate counsel and sympathy have often been as a cordial to our spirits, but who are prevented, by illness and other providential circumstances from mingling with us at this time. We believe many hearts have gone out lovingly towards these, with the fervent desire that, however widely separated, our prayerful desires for each other may be united by the dear Father of us all, and be blessed to our mutual strength & comfort.

The Committee in charge of our Boarding School have presented the following Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report, that attention has been given to the object of their appointment, and that it gives them much satisfaction to state that the Institution, has with the Divine blessing, continued to prosper. The enlarged accommodations for the pupils and the improved arrangements made last season for their comfort & convenience have proved quite equal to the expectations formed. The rooms in the boys' wing which had been deficient are now very complete. Their Sitting room is seventy two feet by forty with the ceiling seventeen feet high open to the light on three sides & well ventilated. Their Sleeping rooms are spacious & convenient. There are twenty eight lodging rooms in the new building, which, with those in the old part will lodge one hundred and thirty boys and their caretakers.

A commodious dining-room seventy feet by forty, in the basement of the boys wing, will seat all the pupils and the family & superintendent & their teachers, has been fitted up and is now in satisfactory occupation.

The Committee feel that they can commend the establishment to the favorable notice of Friends on account of its superior

advantages for promoting the health, comfort and well-being of the pupils, the good order that is maintained among them and for the satisfactory moral & religious influence which prevails both among them and the officers of the school.

The number of pupils during the autumn term was two hundred and five, viz: one hundred and thirty boys and seventy five girls; Spring term, two hundred and six, viz: one hundred & eighty boys and twenty six girls.

The officers of the school, the year now drawing to a close, have been Albert K. Smiley, principal; Alfred H. Smiley, associate principal; Rebecca H. Smiley principal of the female department; John F. Hazard, George E. Dudley, Alice R. Hinc, Bessie F. Hinc, Martha G. Read, Mary Ann Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Science; Dan'l C. Marshall, teacher of Mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin and German; J. Lewis Diman lecturer on History; and Katharine H. Austin teacher of Drawing. And the Committee feel it right to acknowledge their faithful services, as evinced by the satisfactory progress of the pupils in their studies.

The pupils and family attend the meeting for worship held in Providence, on First day forenoons and in the middle of the week. On First day afternoons the pupils are received with Scripture lessons, Psalms & Scripture are daily read at the breakfast table and also by the assembled pupils before retiring for the night.

Although no cases of severe illness have occurred the past year, yet during the Spring term there was very many cases of juvenile diseases which required an unusual amount of care and attention on the part of the nurses and family; and the additional rooms & appliances provided for the Sick Room proved eminently useful.

The payments made on account of the new building, alterations in the dining & class rooms, new drains, steam-heating apparatus introducing aqueduct water &c, as reported by the building committee, amounts to $ 43.124 92/100

The present indebtedness of the school Oct. 1st 1873. is as follows.

(over)

Due for Repairs & Painting &c many
Loaned by Firm $18.720
" interest 3 74 32/100 $19.094 33
Due A. K. Smiley for bills pd by him 2.445 02
" additional drain to connect sewer on Arlington St. 700.
$22.239 35

Less estimated amt of earnings of the school the present year, to be applied to reduction of the above debt 6.050
Net amount of indebtedness $16.189 35

The auditing committee has presented Statements of the receipts and expenditures of the School Fund, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations. They are as follows:-

School Fund

Balance of the fund last year		$18.38
Income from the fund		$6272.26
		$6290.64
Paid insurance premiums	$305.00	
Less premiums returned	139.75	$165.
Paid A. K. Smiley		$6125.59
		$6290.64

Charitable Funds

Balance on hand last year	5th mo. 1872	$819.25
Income from the fund		$2024.76
		$2844.01
Paid School bills	$2000	
Balance on hand 5th mo. 73	844.01	$2844.01

It is thought that twenty pupils may be admitted on the fund the ensuing year.

The expenditures of the school, the present year, for provisions, wages, salaries and annual repairs as near as can now be ascertained, have been $43.092.09 and the average number of pupils attending it 186 3/4 which gives the cost of board and tuition for each pupil to be $230 74/100 for the school year of 51 weeks.

It is with satisfaction the committee can state that the percentage of Friends' children belonging to this Yearly Meeting and attendance the present year, has been larger than for many years past.

It is proposed that the present charge for board & tuition be continued the ensuing year, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting $ 100

For members of other Yearly Meetings or when one of both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of friends $ 170

To all others that may be admitted $ 300

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French German or Drawing: one half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess

By direction of the Committee

Wm. C. Taber, Clerk

Providence 6th Mo. 3d 1873

Note - The Autumn term begins 9th mo. 3 '73; closes 12th mo. 21st '74.

The Winter Recess begins 12 mo. 21. 74; closes 2d mo. 4. 1874

The Spring term " 2d mo. 4. 74 " 6 mo. 24. 1874.

Regulations of the School Committee

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 5th of 8th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which, applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund or the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time specified; and in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants.

All applications should be made to the Principal Address, Albert H. Smith, Principal, Friends' School, Prov. R.I.

which is satisfactory; and we appoint the following friends to unite with a similar committee of women friends in preparing at a future sitting of this meeting, the names of a suitable Committee to have charge of the Institution the ensuing year, viz:

Sarah F. Tobey, Ellen K. Buffum, Hannah J. Peckham, Mary A. Smith, Lydia C. Neal, Hannah Paige, Abigail C. Bede, Hannah B. Barker, Esther J. Nichols, Jane C. Minett, Maria B. Jones,

Ann Hawkes, Ann R. Colon, Abby S. Dillon, Ann D. Earle, Lydia Haight, Margaret B. Estes, Elizabeth S. Tomp Eliza P. Price, Sarah J. Pollard, Lois P. Green, Lydia L. Savage, Lucinda Finnian, Susan G. Meader, Harriet B. Jones Eunice Winslow, Hannah J. Bailey, Emeline C. Myers, Ann E. Wood, Sarah H. Anthony, Susan Taber, Julitta W. Howla

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning

Third day morning. - Met according to adjournment.

The Yearly General Epistle of 1872, has been read, where the unity of the true church, the Christian's successful warfar under the one Captain of his salvation and the practical character of vital Christianity are clearly and impressively set forth and we trust the important truths thus presented will claim our serious thought, take fast hold upon our hearts and more and more influence our daily lives.

The certificates of our beloved friend Hannah Pumphrey, a minister of London Yearly Meeting & of her husband Edwin Pumphrey, who accompanies her, have been read, expressing unity with them in their present religious engagement. It is very interesting and comforting thus to welcome these dear friends upon the threshold of their labors in this land & our tender sympathy & prayers will follow them into the extensive and arduous field of service which they have in perspective.

The certificate of our dear friend Rufus P. King, a minister from Indiana Yearly Meeting, has also been received & read.

We have received from the Meeting of Ministers & Elders the following summary of the answers to the queries, viz:

Ans. 1st. Ministers & Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship & discipline, with little exception reported from our Quarterly Meetings, and are engaged to promote the attendance of their families;

2d. The life & conversation of Ministers & Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless among men. Some exception is stated to be obtained in our Quarterly Meetings but are favored in a good degree of unity among themselves and with the principles to which they belong; with some exceptions in the answers from two Quarters; a good measure harmonizing in labor for the honor of Truth.

Ans. 3d. They endeavor to rule their own houses well and to

example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession. Ans. 4. They are in a good degree preserved in love and are concerned to administer encouragement and counsel, as occasion may require, in reference to ministry or conduct.

A proposition from Iowa, Fairmount and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, with a similar verbal proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting, to change the time of holding their Quarterly Meetings is referred to our Representatives, who are to act in joint committee with the Representatives of the Men's Meeting. Adjourned, to meet in joint session with our friends at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon. Met at 4 o'clock, in joint session. We were much interested in hearing the Minutes of the Representative Meeting. It is gratifying to learn, through the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, that, notwithstanding many impediments, the work of improvement among these long neglected and much abused people, seems steadily progressing. We feel that our agents and teachers have a strong claim upon our sympathy & active co-operation, and we would encourage our dear sisters in different parts of the Yearly Meeting to manifest their interest in collecting and forwarding for distribution clothing and other useful articles, which, from all accounts are greatly needed and much aid, essentially, in the important work we are aiming to accomplish.

We approve of the suggestion contained in the report that our concern on behalf of the Western Indians, heretofore carried out through a committee of the Representative Meeting be transferred to a committee of the Yearly Meeting; and we appoint our Sister Gertrude H. Gartland, Ann Maria Collins, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Jane C. Minott, Alice S. Battey, Margaret B. Coates, Hannah C. Burgess & Hannah G. Bailey to unite with a committee of Men Friends for selecting names to constitute said committee, and present at a future sitting.

The Committee on General Meetings have presented the following report, viz:

The joint Committee appointed to
[illegible] General Meetings for Divine worship within our limits

Report, That meetings have been held at New Bedford, Westport and Swansea, Dartmouth, in Massachusetts, and at St. Albans China Mills and North Berwick, in Maine, all of which have been attended by some of the committee.

We have reason to acknowledge that these meetings were owned and blessed by the Head of the Church & the baptism of the Holy Spirit was witnessed. We believe that there by the Church has been strengthened, love one to another has been increased, the lukewarm and indifferent have been aroused and sinners have been brought to Christ.

These meetings were conducted according to the good order of Friends, and if, in a few instances, circumstances have occurred that excited anxious fears in the minds of some, to the contrary and both of the Friends feared the Lord's power has been extended, again and again, to be our all to deliver from the power of the enemy.

Glory be to his great name, forever and ever.

We believe much good may arise from them to Friends & others in the neighborhood where they are held and the cause of Truth will be promoted if they are properly conducted.

In conclusion, we can thankfully acknowledge that the dear Master has blessed the work - at times begun in much weakness and would recommend that they be held during another year, under the care of a committee.

We have to regret the removal, by death, of our friend Thomas E. Steere who acted as clerk of our committee. He was much interested in the work and faithful in the performance of his duties, and we feel the loss, while assured that with him all is well.

On behalf of the committee Edward H. Howland

Newport, 10mo. 1873. Susan Tabor

which is accepted; and, trusting that a blessing may attend these additional meetings for worship, we ask to continue the same committee - with the exception of Thomas B. Buffum, in place of our dear friend Thomas E. Steere, deceased - to take the oversight of them the ensuing year, and report to our next Yearly Meeting.

Committee on General Meetings.- George Bowne, Gideon E. Smith, Lindley Bowne, Gertrude W. Cartland, Samuel Sager, John Paige, Eliza B. Sager, Abigail M. Hunter, Y. M. C. Tabor, David R. Thorn, Anna E. Wood, Susan Tabor,

Brian Pusey, Esther Jones, Jane C. Hall, Isaac E. Carl
land, Richard Bailey, Samuel H. Cook, Ann H. Cook, Sylvia
Haight, Eli Jones, Elkanah Jones, Sybil Jones, Jane E. Carey,
Albert G. Burgum, Joseph H. Hall, Martha C. Hall, Hannah
G. Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Charles F. Coffin Wm. Savery, Mary Briggs
Hannah J. Bailey, Asher Wade, Thomas H. Burgum, Stephen
Wade, Edward M. Haviland, Rachel S. Haviland, Maria B. Jones,
Eliza P. Gardner and Ruth S. Wood.

Adjourned to meet in their Session-house on Fifth
Fourth day morning, pursuant to adjournment

The Committee on behalf of the Freedmen presented
the following Report:

The Committee on the affairs of the Freedmen
report, that there has been but little done the past year.

The educational department of the city of Washington, has
kept good schools in our mission buildings, so that many of
the scholars who commenced under our care have continued
to attend school at the same place.

A large and well-conducted Sunday school has been held at
Wylie Institute, very near our buildings, and those who
formerly assisted us in our school here transferred their
labors to that place, thus keeping much of the same influence

Our Friends Ann E. and Hannah Cox have lived for the
past year at the Mission House, and the meeting for Friends
of the city has been regularly held in the Parlor. It has been
small but we do believe our Care joined to ours to the
Friends who have attended there.

Our devoted Missionary Sarah E. Hall, spent the larger
part of last year at the Freedmen and has recently gone again
this for intention to continue the Sewing school for girls
and to visit the families, instructing them in Christian
virtue and household duties. Her services are valuable &
very satisfactory. The urgent need of more missionary
effort for the moral and religious culture of these people is
now pressing, and the committee have felt desirous of
finding some persons rightly qualified for this self sacrificing
labor to other fields of service the coming autumn. Should
any of our members feel drawn to this service from a sense
of duty to this people, they are desired to communicate with
the committee which may be appointed at the present sitting.

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The committee had hoped to close up our interest on this locality before this time, but no favorable offer having been made for the land, it has not been done. It is now our view that it will be best to sell the land and pay the debt, and if there are any funds left after so doing, that they shall be held by the Trustees under the direction of the committee, which we would recommend should be continued.

As we look upon the improvement which has been made in the condition of the Freedmen since our first efforts among them, we feel bound to acknowledge that the Lord has blessed our labors from the beginning.

On behalf of the committee,

Edward W. Haviland

Asa B. Earle

We herewith present our financial report

Friends' Freedmen's Union at Washington, to Edw'd W. Haviland Dr.

1872			
6th mo. 16th	Balance due Edward W. Haviland		$ 4.004.17
1873. 1st mo. 7th	Paid Hannah S. Macombers estate	"	191.19
6 mo. 16	Interest on the above to date		286.06
			$ 4.481 42

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1 mo. 2d	Rec'd from John C. Gove, Household Furniture		$ 67.45
"	Rents & payments on houses		186.60
5th mo.	" " "		256.
6th mo	Interest on above		9.74
"	Balance due Edward W. Haviland		$ 3961.63
			$ 4.481.42

Errors Excepted

Edward W. Haviland

which is satisfactory, and we continue the same committee to keep in view and endeavor to promote the welfare of this interesting class of our countrymen, appending the funds at their command wherever in the judgement of the committee they are most needed, and especially exerting themselves through schools and otherwise to extend the means of moral and religious instruction.

Committee on Freedmen's affairs.— Edward W. Haviland, Benjamin Buffum, Wm. C. Baker, Samuel Boyd, Edw'd Earle, John E. Whitlock, Joseph Haviland, Charles B. Coates, Jos. Grinnell, Timothy B. Hussey, Charles F. Coffin, Henry S. Hu[illegible]

Moses Sawyer, William Brown, Ann B. Earle, Guilielma H. Haviland, Ellen R. Bultum, Gulielma H. Cartland, Eliza S. Sayer, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Anna C. Wood, Susan Tabor, Ann Maria Collin, Ruth B. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Newhall, Mary P. Osborne, Margaret B. Earle. Adjourned to meet in separate Session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Fourth day afternoon. Met at 4 o'clock in separate Session. Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of Canada, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas and New York have been read and approved.

The joint committee to unite Friends names of Friends to compose a School Committee for the ensuing year propose the following, which are satisfactory, viz:

Boarding School Committee.- Benjamin Bultum, Daniel H. Sotor, Charles F. Collin, Ann Maria Collin, Edward H. Haviland, Guilielma H. Haviland, Chas. Robinson, Mary C. Hawkes, Edward Earle, Ann B. Earle, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Thomas B. Ellis, Ruth Ann Nichols, Moses Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey, William C. Tabor, Dorcas B. Hussey, Charles F. Tucker, Ellen R. Bultum, Samuel Austin, Laura S. Collins, Geo. Haviland Jr, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Gideon C. Smith, Mary H. Smith.

Reappointed the following Friends, viz: Guilielma Austin, Ann Maria Collin, Ruth S. Wood, Maria B. Jones, Abby S. Bailey, Margaret B. Earle, Harriet Mendenhall and Harriet B. Jones to unite with a Seminar committee of Men Friends to nominate a Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Education have presented the following report, viz;

Report of the Committee on Education to the Yearly Meeting

We have received Statistics from all the Monthly Meetings except one, & present the following report.

The No. of Monthly Meeting Schools	1
" " Family "	1
" " Children who have attended sch'l last year	573
" " " " " sch'ls taught by Friends	272
No. receiving Education at Academies, Colleges, not under care Friends	37.
" Members engaged in teaching	106.
" First-day Schools within the care of Friends	47.

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The average time of holding said Schools	10 months
" whole No. attending the same	2374
" average No. " "	1450
" No. of our members attending	1039
" No over 21 y's of age	738
" No Friends over 21 y's of age	667
" No Teachers	231
" No Bible classes not connect with Sd Schools	8
Whole No. belonging to the same	149
Average No.	94
No. of Friends belonging to such	83
No. of Particular meetings without Sch'l or Bible class	24

Although there has not been as much accomplished during the past year as we could wish, though our progress has been slow, we trust many of the committee have been faithful in the discharge of their duty, and with real heartfelt interest and steady perseverance, in the work, many obstacles have been overcome and their efforts blessed; and while we realize the importance of this great work, how surprising that any should allow worldly pursuits to occupy so much of our time and attention that we are unable to give the children that aid, counsel & encouragement they so much need. We all have a part of the work to perform & our heavenly Father is ever ready to bestow help upon all who come to him, asking in faith. May we each more fully realize our responsibility and manifest a deeper interest in the religious training of those, the lambs of the fold.

It is cause of much regret that there should be any meeting without a First day School, and while we are aware that in some localities circumstances seem very unfavorable, when we witness the increased interest in some of these Schools, when there seemed to be but little encouragement when they were commenced, is it not cause of deep thankfulness that such have been maintained? & while we see the fields white unto harvest and the great need of earnest laborers, ought we not to use every means in our power to establish such schools?

An educational conference was held in the 8th month last at Lynn, where questions of importance were ably discussed.

In conclusion, we would again urge Friends to give increased attention to this important subject, and impress upon all the necessity of devoting at least one session of the Yearly Meeting to its consideration; for we are convinced, that if our Religious Society would occupy that position which our Father in Heaven designs we should fill, we must be more thoroughly educated and become better prepared to enter the more extensive fields of usefulness which are open before us; and that we should place our children in the care of teachers who are not only thoroughly imbued with our religious principles, but who are practical, devoted Christians.

On behalf of the committee

Lydia E. Sawyer

Secretary

Newport, Iowa. 18. 1873.

We are well satisfied with the attention the committee have given to the object of their appointment, and we re-appoint the Committee that served last year, with the exception of Susan Ann Gifford and Almira S. Hanson who having removed are released, and Maria Buffington and Hannah B. Taber are appointed in their places; said committee to act with a similar committee of men Friends and report to our next Yearly Meeting.

Committee on Education. Mary M. Atwater, Maria Buffington, Cynthia Bowen, Caledonia Bartram, Viola Jane Collins, Mary Ann Brown, Hannah B. Sawyer, Susan Taber, Rebecca D. Ewer, S. Jane Cox, Esther Pinn, Lydia Hyde, Elizabeth Cobb, Caroline C. Earle, Sarah M. Ewer, Sarah Osborn, Emma B. Buffum, Lydia E. Sawyer, Jane M. M. Gulpin, Abigail C. Beede, Ruth M. Whitworth, Hepsibah Hoxie, Silpah J. Shepherd, Ruth A. Shepherd, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Martha Cotter, Emily E. Gurdy, Narcissa J. Jones, Hannah M. Taber, Lucretia J. Jones, Ellen E. Congdon, Anna M. Huffey, Sarah Jane Taber, Deborah W. Cadwallader, Ruth Ann Nichols, Mary C. Hoyle, Mina E. Hoyt, Sarah A. Hill, Elizabeth Nichols, Ellen M. Buffum, Susan M. Hoyt, Louisa P. Gray, Anna C. Wood, Lizzie M. Hanby.

The Representatives present the following names to constitute the Committee on Education for the ensuing year, which are approved, viz:

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Representative Meeting. Thomas Kimball, Charles Chase, Lucy Peck, Joseph Cottrell, Sarah M. Tripp, Ellis H. Bullard, Charles F. Cobb, Stephen Beede, Wm. A. Brown, Cornelius Paine, Abigail C. Beede, Abigail M. Hanson, Geo. Howland Jr. Edward M. Howland, David F. Shaw, Daniel Rider, Lucia S. Howland, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Williams. Taber, Charles A. Nichols, Samuel Jones, Jane C. Nicholls, Esther Jones, Freeman Andrews, Edward Earle, Samuel H. Colton, Richard Batty, Anna K. Colton, Ann B. Earle, Eli Jones, Charles B. Coles, Thomas B. Nichols, Jonathan Estes, Wm C. Newhall, Lydia Jones, Margaret B. Coles, Jacob K. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Hannah C. Sawyer, Moses Bailey, Reuben G. Jones, Hannah L. Bailey, Thomas B. Butler, Charles F. Tucker, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Chase, Peter P. Pond, George Brown, Lowell Holt, Stephen Jones and Catherine H. Howland.

Our committee to transmit Reports in the cause of Peace have reported as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace report that little has been attempted during the past year beyond the dissemination of reading matter through various channels, bearing upon this interesting subject. Many books including Sumner's Essay, the Manual of Peace, Social Evils of War, Manners of Peace, The Right Way, and Views of a Warfare described have been distributed. Large numbers of tracts and small pamphlets have also been circulated in various parts of New England. Although some have manifested indifference to the subject yet in a few cases this matter is not only thankfully received but is, we believe, read with thoughtful appreciation. Patient continuance in well-doing is a needful qualification to the successful laborer in this field.

The balance of money in the hands of the committee last year was $225.07

Contributions received 11. $236.07

Paid for books and tracts from various sources $ 5.56

" " expense of transportation 2.25

Balance in hands of the Committee 225.26

$ 236.07

A public meeting was held last evening in our meeting house,

in the promotion of the cause of Peace, which was largely attended by friends and others. Interesting and encouraging addresses were made by a number of the appointed committees of other years on this subject.

We believe there is still room for labor in different parts of New England in the dissemination of reading matter in a convenient form, which will maintain our testimony to peace on Christian grounds, and will also diffuse more adequate views of the terrible evils of war.

On behalf of the committee

Eli Jones
Susan Taber

Newport, Ohio, 18th, 1893.

The distribution of so many valuable publications bearing upon this important subject, we trust, has been useful in creating and maintaining a healthful public sentiment; but the war spirit is still rife in our land and the nations are slow to learn that the gospel of Christ breathes only, "Peace on earth and good will towards men".

How painful the reflection, that, in professedly Christian countries, multitudes engaged in the implements of war, at this juncture to wicked purposes the noble faculties bestowed upon them to bless their fellow men. With the express commands of our Saviour before us, may we individually fervently seek to embrace every opportunity for inculcating higher and purer views of morality, and to hasten the day, when for the adjustment of national differences, an appeal to the sword will be impossible.

We continue the committee whose services have been so acceptable the past year, with the exception of Ann B. Earle, who asks to be released and for whose name we substitute that of Lydia Haight.

Peace Committee. - Ann B. Earle, Rachel S. Moreland, Susan Taber, Dinah H. Tucker, Eliza Stanton, Abigail C. Hale, Gertrude H. Moreland, Lydia Haight, Patience E. Jones, Eli Jones, Dinah H. Newlin, Anna T. Comfort, Ellen M. Buffum, Mary A. Smith, Abby S. Tully, Sylvia C. Moreland.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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Sixth day afternoon, - met at three o'clock

Epistles to our Sisters of London Dublin, Western, North Carolina, Indiana & Baltimore have been read and approved. The Clerk is directed to sign them with those read at previous sittings & forward them to their respective meetings.

A very interesting epistle from Friends in Norway has been received and read, and the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting an epistle of reply prepared by our friends.

The Friends appointed to nominate a committee to carry out the concern of this meeting on behalf of the Indians, are united in proposing the following names, which are approved, viz:

Joseph Gartland, Joseph E. Macumber, Samuel T. Foley, Cynthia Bowen, Charles F. Coffin, Moses Sawyer, Ann Mary Coffin, Hannah B. Sawyer, Edward H. Haviland, Henry Wood, Ruth Swann, Rebecca Ewer, Freeman Andrews, Charles Albert Nichols, Jane C. Minett, Myra E. Fry, Edward Earle, Richard Bailey, Ann B. Earle, Abby S. Bailey, Silas D. Lang, Charles B. Gates, Louisa L. Osborne, Amos D. Purlington, Moses Bailey, Isaac Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Lavinia Briggs, Thomas B. Bulbum, Thomas J. Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Charles M. Bailey, Sarah Marble, Timothy W. Earle, Lydia Haight, Thomas Ward, Mary C. Bayliss, George Haviland jr., John H. Coffman, Gulielma F. Haviland & David Kelley.

The Committee to consider the proposition to change the time of holding the Quarterly Meetings of Dover, Salem, Falmouth & Fairfield have presented the following report which is accepted, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The representatives to whom was referred the proposition to change the time of holding some of our Quarterly Meetings report that we have considered the matter and are united in proposing that Salem, Dover, Falmouth and Fairfield respectively, be held on the 7th day & the week on which they have heretofore been held - that the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders be held the day previous, and that the meeting held on the day following the quarters, respectively, be considered a part of said quarter, and under its care. On behalf of the Committee

E. Earle, Clerk

The Committee to nominate a committee upon the subject of foreign missions propose the following names which are satisfactory, viz:

Eli Jones, Sybil Jones, Ellen G. Congdon, Joseph A. Macomber, Timothy H. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Grossman, Thomas Wood, Susan Sabin, Deborah W. Grossman, Harriet N. Jones, George Haviland jr., Sylvia G. Haviland, Jabez Wood, Charles H. Bailey, Albert C. Bugbee, Ann M. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Cartland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia A. Sawyer, Mary B. Bond, J. Ware, Anna C. Wood, Charles B. Coates, Margaret B. Coates, Obadiah Chase.

The Representatives being called all but eight who attended the first sitting are present, for the absence of five of whom sufficient reasons have been assigned.

The Clerk is authorized to sign on behalf of this meeting the following minute for our friend Hannah Humphrey present, viz:

"Our beloved friend Hannah Humphrey attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us" and similar ones for our dear friends Ruth Lloyd and Mary H. Tibbetts.

The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Judith Johnson, viz:

"Our beloved friend Judith Johnson acceptably attended this meeting"; and similar ones for our friends Mary Jane Lovell and Elvira T. Woodard

The clerk is authorized to cause the minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among the families of Friends

In concluding the business of this meeting, we have gratefully to acknowledge, that, through the superintending care and guidance of our Heavenly Father, a spirit of love and condescension has marked our deliberations from day to day. We have enjoyed precious seasons of refreshing weather, and very earnest are our parting desires for each other, that, abiding with Christ, we may be kept steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, occupying as good soldiers, the place assigned us in the church militant, and, sustained by an unfailing trust that, through Christ, the Captain of our salvation

when the warfare is accomplished, the victors crown, we may all meet, never more to be separated in the joyful service of the Church triumphant.

We adjourn, proposing to meet at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

Summary ———

Ans. 1st. Our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been generally held, though in different localities a few meetings have been omitted in consequence of inclement weather. Most Friends attend them duly, while some are deficient in this important duty. The Order appointed is mostly observed, mostly clear & unbecoming behaviour.

Ans. 2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained among us, and most Friends are careful to guard against detraction; where any differences arise, endeavors are used to end them speedily.

Ans. 3d. There is a care with most Friends to maintain a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession, yet we are sensible that there is a falling short in the full maintenance of the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 4th. The Holy Scriptures are read frequently in Friends families, and we trust daily in most of them, and their children encouraged in this duty. Some exception in maintaining our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

Ans. 5th. Clear with regard to the use of intoxicating liquors; mostly careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with Christians, and to observe moderation in all things.

Ans. 6. Care is taken in each particular of this Query.

Ans. 7. Our testimony is maintained against bearing arms and against defrauding the public revenue.

Ans. 8. We believe Friends are generally careful to live in accordance with the requisitions of this query.

Ans. 9th Careful as to records, but not enough so in regard to certificates. Some care taken.
Ans. 10th We think there is a concern with Friends to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially; and judgment has been placed, when necessary, according to discipline.

Epistles

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from the 14th of 6th, Mo. to the 19th inclusive 1873.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

The reading of your valuable epistle together with those from other Yearly Meetings has come to us like a south wind, refreshing and warming our hearts with heavenly love and wisdom, bringing you very near to us in the everlasting gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We respond to the declaration which fell from the lips of Infinite Love "One is your Master, even Christ and all ye are brethren".

It cheers our hearts to believe that although the mighty deep rolls between us - and few of us may ever be permitted to meet in this life - we are permitted to mingle in your joys and afflictions and trials of faith around the mercy seat through that one baptism which flows from the inexhaustible Fountain forever hid with Christ in God.

Great and manifest has been the regard of our holy Head to his people at this time, the dew of Heaven resting long, refreshing and strengthening our inner lives: It gladdens our hearts to feel that the work of righteousness is reviving in your land & ours, manifested by an increased watchfulness & prayerful attention to daily duties, with longings for full holiness and deliverance on the part of many.
That imperfection and sin still lingers about us and unfaithfulness too often retards our progress

towards the Heavenly city is our most joyful experience which we sorrowfully admit.

Many of our dear young friends are manifesting - in life and conversation their allegiance to our Heavenly Father who has so graciously visited and touched their hearts with a lively sense that true happiness is only found in loving and serving Him.

We earnestly covet for these babes in Christ, preservation and strength and growth in the saving knowledge of our blessed Lord who alone is able to keep them from falling & to present them faultless before our Father and the holy angels.

Our large and deeply interesting meeting is favored with the company of many dear friends from other places. We especially notice our beloved friends William Grubb from Ireland and Edwin and Hannah Pumphrey from your Yearly Meeting. We thankfully and cordially welcome them as labourers beloved and anointed by our Divine Master to proclaim the unsearchable riches of His kingdom.

In conclusion, dear sisters, "pray for us"; and may the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep thro' the blood of the everlasting covenant make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever."

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Beloved Sisters in Christ

Your message of gospel love from over the great deep, has brought much refreshment and comfort to our souls.

It sweetly savors of the language of the Spirit into the churches, bringing us nearer to each other in the blessed fellowship of our risen Lord. This solemn

feast of Zion has been crowned with the cheering presence of our Lord; and his bountiful Providence has made us glad in his salvation. We have realized the testimony of the Apostle that God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. This blessed time of refreshing has been shared by a goodly number of the dear ambassadors for Christ from distant parts of the Lord's inheritance. They bring us good tidings of great joy, in harmony with the glorious annunciations on the plains of Bethlehem. The believers in Jesus have been encouraged to perfect holiness in the fear of God, & sinners have heard the message & given the glad summons of our dear Redeemer, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world," as well as his own blessed words, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out". Professors who have not known the pardon of their sins, through faith in the precious blood which cleanseth from all sin, have been brought under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit and are seeking Jesus.

Many of our dear younger Sisters have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and have been made willing to testify of the Lord's goodness and to declare what he hath done for their souls. May these be filled with the Spirit and prove faithful unto death. May such in your own land, as well as amongst us be nourished and comforted by the tender nursing and fervent prayers of the church redeeming faithful her charge, "Feed the flock of Christ which is amongst you, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers."

Our dear brother, William Green from your Quarterly Meeting is very acceptable with us. He has come to us, we believe, "in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

Some of us deeply sympathize with you in your late bereavements, and mourn with you in your great loss of these loving devoted servants of our Lord whose face we shall see no more but whose memory

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is exceedingly precious. Their lives of faith and love have been a rich blessing to the Church & the world. "Blessed" indeed "are the dead which die in the Lord" "Yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

In conclusion, precious sisters, we would say May the Lord revive his blessed work among st you, until all shall know Him from the least unto the greatest. We tenderly and earnestly commend you to God and the word of his grace which is able to build you up & to give you an inheritance amongst all them that are sanctified" through faith, which is in Christ Jesus

Farewell in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

In Christian love and sympathy we again address you. May "the God of all grace" be with you and be the crown and diadem of all your solicitudes. We have come to thank Him for the many rich blessings he has bestowed upon us at this time. Many of us have experienced the promise verified "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

An unusual number of the anointed messengers, who "bring glad tidings of good things," have visited us and proclaimed the blessed gospel of life and salvation "in the demonstration of the spirit and of power." This salvation has been declared to us impartially as one that is full and free. The Lord asks for the whole heart. He will not accept a divided sacrifice; but when we are entirely consecrated to Him we know of entering into the kingdom of God, which is peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Then go with us, dear sisters, "cast not away your confidence in God, knowing that they that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion that cannot be removed but abideth forever."

The training of young children and the care of older ones have been much dwelt upon in our meetings. Mothers have been encouraged to pray for and with their children, and both by example and precept to lead them to Jesus while their minds are young and tender, encouraging them to freely confess their faults to their parents and to ask their advice in all things however small they may appear. This may be done by always manifesting an interest and sympathy in all their joys and sorrows, and thus many opportunities will be found in which they may be led right to confess their faults to Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me", and to ask His guidance in all the acts of their lives.

The subjects of Peace and Missionary work among the Indians have claimed our attention also, as they have come, and verbal accounts given us by some of our Indian agents ~~and teachers~~ have been very interesting and edifying, and we feel an increased desire for the salvation of this injured class of our fellow men. May our united earnest prayers often ascend to the throne of grace that the efforts being used on their behalf may be blessed to them, until they become civilized, educated & christianized. Dear Sisters, let us not be weary in well doing, but be willing always to work in every possible way for the promotion of Christ's kingdom and do all in the ability which He gives; and then it will redound to His glory.

"Now, the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight", through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever"

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Gertrude W. Cartland

Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Baltimore

Dear Sisters

Through the mercy of our dear Father in Heaven we are again permitted to meet in our annual assembly and to prostrate ourselves before Him in Gospel waiting for His blessing seeking the qualification which alone can come from Him to transact the affairs of His church.

The earnest desire of our hearts has been, that we may be gathered nearer to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, that His will may be done in all things, and now, dear sisters, we can gratefully acknowledge that, poor, and unworthy as we are, His sustaining grace has been known and felt amongst us to the contriting of our hearts; & we have been enabled to dispose of the various concerns which have come before us, in love one to another and to our Holy Head.

During the past year the dear Master has blessed us through the instrumentality of General Meetings, seven of which have been held within our limits. In different localities the church has thereby been strengthened, love in another has been increased, & under the constraining power of the Holy Spirit, many have been brought to bend in fervent thankfulness we rejoice for the consolation, and accept it as a token for good.

Our sympathies have afresh been awakened in behalf of the Indian tribes of the West and the Freedmen of the South, more especially in regard to their religious welfare. The subject of missionary work to foreign lands has deeply impressed us at this time, and, under a sense of our responsibility, we have appointed a committee to watch and open for opportunities which may occur.

Of the various concerns which have claimed our attention during the year none have more deeply interested us than the responsibility of mothers and the important influence they exert over their tender charge. Early should the child be taught to lisp the sweet name of Jesus, and to make known its wants in simple utterances to His listening ear. But how can the mother teach her child unless the Enemy finds the atmosphere

of Israel. Remember to pray for those to be clothed with
power from on high, that your spirit and soul may be kept in
communion with God, that you thereby enabled to cast
every burden upon him, and, without carefulness, to feel
this sustaining power in reality. Precious testimonies
were borne by several aged mothers to the efficacy of prayer
and the faithfulness of God who through all varieties of provi-
dence and trial had been their never-failing friend.

We have felt at this time that the voice of the spirit
unto the Church is the same as was expressed by the
prophet in days of old, "Awake, awake, put on thy
strength O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments O
Jerusalem, that being invested with the strength
of the Lord, and clothed in the garments of righteous-
ness and true holiness, we may be enabled to prepare
for allotted service and to glorify our living Lord by
strengthening the weak and helping sinners into the
safe enclosure of the fold of Christ.

In view of the requirements of God's law
which enjoins, "Be ye holy, for I am holy" the cry goes
up from many hearts, "Create in me a clean
heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me,
then will flesh transgress the laws and sinners
shall be converted unto thee." Purity of heart is one of
the essential requisites for success in the Christian work.

Let us, Friends, seek and ask to know our particular
forgiveness, but be entire consecration of our all to God
Christ, and faith in Christ as our full Counsel to
salvation, witness a redemption from the dominion
and power of sin.

With the salutation of love we are your
sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Sisters

Through the sparing mercy of our Father in

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Dearest ... we have again met and been treated to the
Teachings & Spirit from Head Quarters, but have
regretted that we could do.

With this token of interest and love, the apostolic sal-
utation arises, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto
you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord
according as his divine power hath given unto us all
things that pertain unto life and godliness through
the knowledge of him who hath called us to glory &
virtue". "But as he which hath called you is holy so be ye
holy in all manner of conversation".

We have been impressed with the necessity of being
ingrafted into Christ the living Vine and by watchful-
ness and prayer abiding there; for then the fruits of the
spirit may indeed be multiplied unto us; through
the rich blessings given to him, our faith may be
increased by giving diligence add to faith these
virtues which must be in us and abound if we would
neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Much encouragement is contained in Holy Scrip-
ture for those who labour after righteousness.
God is no respecter of persons. All who will may come
and partake of the water of life freely; all who are willing
to submit to his transforming power may become sons
and daughters of Almighty. The Apostle tells us
that "not many wise men after the flesh, not many
mighty, not many noble are called; but God hath chosen
the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and
God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the
things which are mighty". "There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint and to them that
have no might he increaseth strength".

Wherefore, Sisters,
let us "give diligence to make our calling and
election sure"; so shall "an entrance be ministered
unto us abundantly" into the everlasting kingdom
of our God and Savior Jesus Christ."

With the salutation of love, we are your Sisters,
Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Gertrude W. Eastland Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Through the kind providence of our heavenly Father we are again met in this our annual assembly to confer together on the important interests connected with this branch of the Christian Church, having gratefully to acknowledge to our seal, as the experience of the past year, "The Lord is good to all & his tender mercies are over all his works."

The reading of your excellent Epistle, so clothed in the gladness of Gospel love, and in the freshness and vitality of the Spirit's power, strengthened the bond that unites our hearts, as children of the same Father, redeemed by the same precious blood, and members of the same household of Faith, reminding us of that memorable prayer of our Lord given before his ascension to glory, "That they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee that they also may be one that the world may believe that thou hast sent me".

We have, at this time, the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings. They have come to us in "the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ," and finding thornbushes behind the doors have prepared the hearts of believers in our midst, pointing the weary, struggling soul to the "rest that remaineth for the people of God". We have been told that "Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are paths of peace". The young have been assured from the testimonies of our aged mothers, that a service for God affords the richest delight to be realized on earth and all have been reminded, that, as Jesus was a complete sacrifice for sin, he is a complete Savior from sin, through simple faith in his name.

In an examination of the state of Society, while acknowledging with humility, imperfections and deficiencies, we also gratefully accept the evidences of an increase of spiritual life and consequent power, resting not only upon those sitting offices of trust in the Church, but diffusing the sanctifying influences of Divine grace upon the hearts of the children, causing

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many of this class to become living witnesses of the Truth as it is in Jesus.

The meeting has been introduced into a lively exercise of soul on account of the untold importance of rightly educating the youthful mind.

Mothers have been affectionately entreated to teach their little ones the glorious truths of the gospel, especially the way of prayer, and that they bear them not only to the mercy seat in the retirements of the closet, but in the family circle they present them and themselves daily unto the Lord, asking for those things which they need, resting in faith upon the promise, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it"

Pertinent counsel was also given in regard to the firm but gentle control which a mother should maintain over her child, while, at the same time, a loving confidence between the two should ever inspire a free interchange of thought and sympathy.

Sabbath Schools, Temperance and General Mission work have all claimed a share in our interests.

General Meetings have been held during the year with good results.

In conclusion, dear Sisters, we pray "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages world without end.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Gertrude W. Eastland

Clerk.

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

In the same spirit which dictated your greeting, we return to you the salutation of "Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior." Your welcome epistle has been read in our meeting to our comfort and encouragement; and we have thanked God on your behalf.

We rejoice in the strengthening, year by year, of the bond of love and Christian fellowship which unites the various branches of our portion of the church, & we believe this correspondence tends to bring us nearer to each other; & although most of us are strangers as to the outward yet we can greet you as sisters beloved in the Lord.

We have at this time, the acceptable company of several dear Friends from your Yearly Meeting, as well as from others on this continent, & also from Europe; - and we have rejoiced in the fresh proofs of the continued love and regard of our heavenly Father afforded by their company and the gospel messages they have been commissioned and enabled to hand forth to us. We have been reminded of our great responsibilities, and also of our privileges as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ; that "godliness is profitable unto all things having the promise of the life that now is as well as of that which is to come". "It is vain for us to rise up early, to sit up late to eat the bread of sorrows". We are directed to "be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer & supplication, with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known unto God, with the promise annexed, that the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" Do we not too often live below our privileges, yielding unnecessarily to discouragements and failing in the joy & peace in believing" which might be our happy portion? "It is true" it is permitted to those whose faith is strong in the mercy of God and in his watchful care & providence over his children to live in such close communion with him, that the cares and trials of life and even its afflictions have no power to move them; & like the

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Apostle they learn even to glory in tribulations, knowing that "tribulation worketh patience, and patience, experience, and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us". May we all become partakers of this blessed experience & be persuaded for ourselves that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"

An earnest exercise was spread over the meeting on the subject of prayer. Mothers were encouraged to pray with and for their children, not only in the silence of the closet but also in the family circle; and to kneel with their little children, teaching them, by precept & example, to make known all their wants to the loving Savior, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me & forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven". Daughters were encouraged to pray for their parents, and both parents and children were advised to cultivate habits of free & full confidence in each other. Thus the burdens of the former would be lightened by sympathy and the needed counsel and care extended, prompted by their more enlarged experience. We rejoice to hear of your continued interest in works of benevolence and Christian philanthropy thus proving your faith by your works. We also claim a share in these labors of love, and our interest has been warmed & strengthened in the welfare of the much abused Indian tribes, two of which have been assigned to our more especial care. The religious instruction of the Freed people, the cause of Peace, of Temperance, the subject of foreign missions, and of the extension of the benefits of Education, both literary & religious have claimed our earnest & serious consideration. Several Yearly Meetings have been held in New England during the past year, and they have, we believe, been greatly blessed. May all the means of grace, which God, in His mercy, affords us, be improved to His honor.

And, now, dear sisters, Farewell. May you "grow in grace & in the knowledge of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ."

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland - Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Through the condescending goodness of our heavenly Father, we have been permitted again to meet in this our Annual Assembly. Our hearts were warmed and comforted together by the reading of your interesting epistle, together with those of our dear Sisters from other Yearly Meetings, whose words of tender counsel & encouragement were indeed as crumbs broken from the Head of like, - as fresh draughts from the Living Fountain in which precious Souls were refreshed, & for which raises the voice of thanksgiving and praise.

In the love of the gospel we are drawn to salute you desiring your preservation and growth in the truth as it is in Jesus: May you with us dig deep, that we may find the immoveable Rock, Christ Jesus, & through his own adorable power, build upon it as the only sure foundation which cannot be shaken.

The Lord, in his mighty power, we believe, is raising up many witnesses during the dear younger Sisters, to testify of his goodness, receiving & contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints and which is deposited with immortality & crowned with eternal life.

Many tongues have been loosed which have never before confessed the name of Jesus, and we desire that these having turned upon the Christian course, may through watchfulness unto prayer, continue "steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"

Doubting not but you have retreated ere longer to dwell under the tender care of the Great Shepherd, who is willing & able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by him, & to whom is given all power in earth & in heaven, bow in simple faith, as little children, to come at his bidding & lay their sins sorrowfully & trustingly in his sight, & journey forward in the light of his witness, with boldness, relying upon him alone as their Redeemer and Comforter.

We have been reminded that our Father in Heaven will not accept a divided sacrifice. He requires a full

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surrender of all the powers of the mind and all the affections of the heart; and it is only as these are sanctified by the power of divine grace, by the cleansing operation of the Holy Spirit, that we are prepared to serve Him acceptably. May we all become partakers of the death and sufferings of Christ, that we may, through faith be raised with Him into newness of life. Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therein we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we, also should walk in newness of life."

There is unspeakably glorious privilege in prayer! the earliest engagement of the renewed heart is prayer. Having now received the Spirit of adoption we may call God our Father - most endearing name, engaging our most confiding love we hasten to Him our present desires our pressing wants. His gracious ear is ever open and our Saviour our cup of blessing will be full. This subject has been much dwelt upon. Mothers have been exhorted to greater faithfulness in this important duty, not only to pray for but with their children, teaching them early to lisp the name of Jesus, making known their wants to Him.

Our meeting has been large & we have been mercifully overshadowed with heavenly love, & the everlasting arms have been underneath, enabling us to transact the highly important affairs of the church in much harmony and love. We have also been favored with the acceptable company & several ministers from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love have been instructive and edifying to us.

In conclusion dear Sisters, we commend you to God & to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified

In that love which changeth not we remain your friends

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland

Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

It is under a deep sense of our entire dependence upon the great Head of the Church for a right qualification to perform any Service for Him that we address you.

We have at this time during the several Sittings of the Yearly Meeting been favored to experience that blessed evidence of the watchful care of our heavenly Father drawing us mercifully & spreading the canopy of his love over us so that many hearts have been tendered thereby and made to glorify him by giving praise.

Many gospel messengers from other Yearly Meetings have been with us, who have handed forth the bread blessed by the dear Master to the satisfying of the hungry and thirsty soul. May all such seek to draw daily, near to the inexhaustible Fountain to receive fresh supplies for all their needs; for, Truth has ever promised to be "Strength in weakness, riches in poverty and a present help in the needful time".

Your very acceptable epistle together with those from other Yearly Meetings have been cheering to our hearts, strengthening the bond of Christian fellowship & love.

The general epistle from London Yearly with salutary counsel has been received & read, & we have renewedly felt the value of these tokens of love and regard, and the watchful care of our heavenly Father over the portion of his militant church; and though members thereof are far separated in body they are united in Spirit the one God & Father watching over both, the same Sun shining on both.

When considering the state of Society, in reference to the Answers from the different meetings a very precious spirit was brought over the meeting; & the various Queries were tenderly & very affectionately addressed. While many of our dear aged Mothers are nearing the shores of time & must soon be called from their labor on earth to a

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views in divers, we rejoice in believing that as many among us who are under the preparing hand to receive the falling mantles of such.

Mothers of little children were united & encouraged to begin in very early life to train them for Heaven; sowing the good seed which would in after years, watered & nourished by our loving Father's care, bring forth fruit to his praise.

The subject of mission work among the freedmen & the Indians has claimed our attention, and we have been encouraged to embrace every opening for the civilization & christianization of these injured descendants of our fellow men

With the salutation of love we are your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear sisters

In a measure of that love which is both ancient and new, we feel drawn to address you, desiring that Grace, mercy and peace may abound & be multiplied unto you. Your acceptable epistle of last year has been received and read together with others from different Yearly Meetings tending to remind us that One is our Master even Christ, and that in fellowship with him we are one. May it continue to be our united experience to know more & more of the preciousness of this bond which binds believers to Christ & to one another in a hidden fellowship that is not of this world.

Full of significance are the commands of our dear Redeemer, and strong is his claim upon us who are his, to live unto him who hath bought us with the price of his most precious blood, that as he died for sin, so we also die to sin, spending the time of our sojourning here in fear, and in non-conformity with the spirit &

the world, we shall be enabled to "prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" concerning us. Christ said, "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." How precious it is, to feel that as the principle of divine love becomes established in the heart & prevails, and overcomes all that is opposed to the purity of its nature, that then the fear of man, that bringeth a snare, hath no place. Being under the government of the Prince of Peace, it is given even us of his loyal subjects to know that "of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end"; the Savior's word being fulfilled, "He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world." Then would the fruits of the Spirit be manifest: Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, faith." Let us, dear sisters, "be fervently engaged in giving place to the word of exhortation, that, as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him & stablished in the faith as we have been taught, abounding therein with thanks-giving" May we all, both elder and younger, esteem it our highest privilege to walk with Christ in meekness of life, knowing, that on the banner of the cross, Victory is inscribed, and if we so run as to obtain, the Savior's promise will be ours, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame & am set down with my Father in his throne." Let us thankfully accept all the means of grace, according as it hath pleased our Father in Heaven to bestow them. The record of Holy Scripture remains invaluable as a testimony to the eternal Word that shall stand forever. None can undervalue such testimony without endangering immortal interests and forfeiting the exceeding high privilege of acceptance with God.

In conclusion, dear Sisters, we would offer the salutation of the apostle. "Be strong in the Lord & in the power of his might." "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ, in Sincerity."

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Gertrude W. Cartland

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To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

In that love that unites and cements together, bringing us near to our loving Savior and to one another, we salute you. We realize that we are far separated as to the outward, yet as we are permitted through the loving kindness and faithfulness of our God to come up to our annual gathering & as we read your messages from other Yearly Meetings, our dear Sisters were brought in unspeakable near to us. Our hearts go out to you, not alone in this correspondence, but our prayers are put up to the Father of all our mercies that you with us may come to know experimentally the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent: that we may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the length and breadth & depth and height and to know the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. And may we be constrained to make that consecration of ourselves to the Lord that we may know of every power of soul, body and spirit being dedicated to him and his service: for, faithful is he that calleth us:

The command has gone forth "Be ye holy, for I am holy": and as we are willing to comply with the terms and give ourselves up to him, he will be found faithful to do his part and we can testify that truly the blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin; and upon our banner, as a Society, will be found inscribed, Holiness to the Lord".

We are favored at this time with large numbers at our feast, and the dear Master supplies a bountiful table and has sent many faithful servants to minister to our wants. In this the kind care of our Heavenly Father is truly wonderful, not only in sending them but in giving them such bread to hand to us as is just suited to our needs.

In transacting the affairs of the church we have been enabled to proceed harmoniously in love. As we entered upon the state of society by the reading of the queries to the queries, our hearts were stirred to the

very depths by the convincing of the Holy Spirit. Much counsel was being given, and the efficacy of prayer was largely dwelt upon. Mothers were affectionately urged to this duty, not alone Silent Prayer, or prayer in the closet, but in the family circle; and thus by prayer and example teach the dear little children how to make known their wants to Jesus.

Many seals were set to Her's advice, some by confessions how they have been brought to this, through struggles, and the pains that followed, and some that they have never begun; and many prayers went up that this might be the beginning of a new life with us all! The duty and privilege of taking the little ones to meeting with us, was tenderly touched upon, we trust to advantage.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the throne of his glory with exceeding joy", we commend you and remain your sisters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland
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At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, commencing on Seventh day, 6th Mo. 13th 1874

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are under appointment as Representatives to this meeting viz: for Rhode Island,- Elizabeth Meader, Ellen L. Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey, Arabella C. Wood, Esther Chace, Gertrude W. Cartland, Cynthia G. Earle, Phebe B. Anthony, Sarah Slade, Anna A. Gould, Hannah Dame, Mary A. Smith, Sarah A. Petty & Anna T. Dennis, Salem,- Abigail M. Hanson, Mary C. Brett, Lydia C. Nea Mary J. Paige, Mary B. Bread, Almira S. Hansc Mathaleth G. Jones, Lydia Pope, Cynthia W. Huntingd Huldah C. Jones (and) Anna M. Gove. Sandwich,- Anna S. Wood, Elizabeth C. Wing, Sarah H. Anthony, Susan G. Kempton, Sylvia G. Howland Deborah Boyce, Lydia B. Dillingham, Sarah A. Holmes, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Mary C. Gifford, Susa Saber, Rachel S. Howland, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Sarah Gifford, Betsey G. Wood (and) Betsey Aiken. Falmouth,- Jane C. Minott, Mary C. Hawkes, Esther Jone Sarah P. Day, Maria B. Jones, Myra E. Fry Matilda M. Estes Smithfield,- Phebe S. Marsh, Susan A. Gifford, Mary S. Bat Sarah J. Taft, Lydia Haight, Rachel Steere Abigail Wheeler, Vassalboro,- Eliza P. Gardner, Sybil Estes, Eliza N. Sabe Lavinia M. Jones, Margaret B. Gates, Hannah B. Robinson, Mary C. Jones. Dover, - Martha C. Pratt, Gulielma M. Purinton, Hann G. Sawyer, Susan L. Meader, Mary C. Jenkins Mary G. Estes, Huldah S. Buffum, Naomi P. Howa Fairfield,- Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah W. Farr, Phebe P. Jones, Emeline C. Myers, Eunice Winslow Christina Butterfield & Phebe M. Wadsworth, who being called are present except seven; for the absen of three satisfactory reasons have been given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the

appointment of Margaret Anthony to the station of elder; and with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth Ann Collins to the same station.
Mary D. Collins departed this life 7th mo. 9th 1873 in the 63d year of her age, a member and elder of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting.

Ruth Chase, a member and elder of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died first mo. 30th 1874, aged 73 years, 7 mos and 5 days.

Salem informs they have united with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Huldah E. Jones and Lavinia G. Huntington.

Hannah Paige, a member and elder of Salem Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th mo. 10th 1874, aged 67 years.

Sandwich reports that they have united with Westport Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, & approving the public ministry of Mary E. Gifford.

Mary R. Wing, an Elder, of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased 9th mo. 19th 1873, aged 73 years & 4 days.

Fairfield informs that they have united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in appointing Isaac Winslow and Mary Gifford to the station of elder, and with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phebe P. Jones & Lavinia M. Briggs to the station of elder, and with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in appointing Joseph Winslow to the same station. They have also united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Mar. Alice Gifford.
Marcia P. Hawkes, a member and elder of Litchfield Monthly Meeting deceased 11th mo. 28th. 1873.

Epistles from our Sisters of Dublin, N. York, North Carolina, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada & Kansas Yearly Meetings & also the North Carolina Epistle of 1872, which failed to reach us in season for our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read.
These cordial greetings from our distant sisters come to us as words of cheer, and we rejoice that although widely separated, it is still our privilege in the precious unity of the Spirit of Christ, thus to mingle as members

of our Society, to our mutual encouragement & comfort.

We appoint the following Friends a committee on correspondence, to prepare essays of reply, as way may open for it, and present them to a future sitting of this meeting, viz:

Abigail M. Hanson, Harriet N. Jones, Mary Alice Brown, Anna G. Wood, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Lydia Pope, Mary W. Jones, Cynthia J. Earle, Elizabeth C. Wing, Sarah F. Tobey, Sarah Slade, Sarah A. Holmes, Hannah J. Bailey, Sarah B. Goddard, Susan Taber, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary E. Gifford, Ellen L. Congdon, Sarah W. Goddard, Phebe H. Buxton, Rebecca H. Smiley, Sarah P. Day, Anna M. Hussey, Gertrude W. Cartland, Myra E. Tiny, Susan A. Gifford, Rebecca Anthony, Margaret B. Cates, Lydia Haight, Dorcas F. Tucker, Phebe M. Wadsworth, Peace Jones, Hannah Wing, Mahaleth G. Jones, Abigail C. Beede and Deborah Crosman.

We appoint Mary A. Smith, Anna G. Wood, Anna T. Dennis, Mary C. Jones, Abby S. Battey, Esther Jones & Lydia E. Sawyer to prepare a summary from the Answers to the Queries to present at a future sitting.

We unite with Men Friends in acknowledging the Christian courtesy of our Methodist brethren in offering their meeting houses for the accommodation of Friends on the afternoon & evening of First day, the 14th inst., & we appoint Hannah G. Sawyer, Sarah F. Tobey, Sarah H. Anthony, Mary A. Smith, Phebe R. Gifford & Anna G. Wood to unite with a committee of Men Friends in making the necessary arrangements for meetings to be held in those houses at the times specified.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this meeting to confer upon the subject of Clerks

While our hearts have been raised in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that He has permitted so many of us to meet once more in our Annual Assembly, our feelings have been deeply & solemnly moved in contemplating the vacant places of beloved ones, who since our last gathering here have been called from their service in the church militant; and under a sense of the responsibilities resting upon us who remain a little longer in the field, we desire to be found waiting prayerfully, & with humble reverent confidence upon Him who alone

can qualify us for our respective duties in the church, & crown our Assemblies with his blessing.
We adjourn to the time our friends may meet this P.M.

Afternoon. — Met near 4 o'clock

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the Representatives, Reported that were united in proposing Gertrude W. Cartland for Clerk & Mary Alice Brown for Assistant, which the meeting approves, & they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Records of this meeting for last year have been read.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Rebecca Collins from New York Yearly Meeting, James C. Thomas from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Allen Jay & William A. Symons from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Caroline E. Talbot & Hannah B. Satterthwaite from Ohio Yearly Meeting, Isaac Jay and John P. Pennington from Indiana Yearly Meeting, Rebecca Clawson from Western Yearly Meeting, Elwood Ozbun, Daniel Fry & Josiah Dillon from Iowa Yearly Meeting & Eliza H. Varney from Canada Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory credentials from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and with their prospect of religious service amongst us.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our dear friends, Jane W. Ferris companion to our friend Caroline E. Talbot, Martha A. Jay an elder, accompanying her husband Allen Jay, Lydia Ozbun accompanying her husband Elwood Ozbun, Elizabeth H. Burgess companion to our friend Rebecca Clawson, Judith Fry, an elder, accompanying her husband Daniel Fry, and Levi Varney accompanying his wife Eliza H. Varney, all of whom are furnished with certificates from their several meetings expressing unity with them in their present engagements.

We receive it as a token for good when faithful servants are thus called by their Master to labor in our part of the vineyard, and desire that our hearts may be so effectually opened to receive the gospel message they bring, that their labors amongst us may not be in vain in the Lord.

Our dear friends Charles S. Hubbard & Alida Clark, both ministers of Indiana Yearly Meeting, are acceptably

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with us, presenting minutes from the Missionary Board of that Yearly Meeting, setting forth their interest on behalf of the Freedmen, in their respective fields of Southern labor, and commending them and their work to our Christian sympathy.

We also gratefully acknowledge the company of dear friends from other Yearly Meetings without certificates and trust that, meeting in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, we may enjoy the sweetness of that fellowship which is in him; and none of us may seem as strangers to each other.

Adjourned to meet again on 2d day A.M. the 13th inst at 10 o'clock

Second day morning Met according to adjournment.

A certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends in Ohio, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, on behalf of our dear friend David Satterthwaite, a minister of Ohio Yearly Meeting, who is acceptably with us, has been read.

With fervent desires that he, who in his love & wisdom called our Society to a special field of service, giving us a banner to uphold because of the truth, may keep us in our appointed places, and zealous of good works to the advancement of his holy cause and the honor of his ever excellent name, the meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of its members as represented by answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded to the Second inquiry.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon

Second day P.M. Met at 4 o'clock.

The remaining Queries and Answers have been read with a Summary prepared by the committee.

Various subjects bearing upon our individual welfare and our prosperity as a church have thus been brought to view, and while we rejoice that with many there is evidence of increasing religious interest and a desire to maintain faithfully all our testimonies, we lament the apathy of others who appear to be resting under the shadow of a profession, indifferent to the things which concern their spiritual life and growth & unmindful of important duties.

The deficiencies reported in the attendance of our meetings

for worship, especially those held in the middle of the week have awakened the earnest inquiry, to what may such neglect be attributed. A fear has been entertained that the prevalence of a worldly spirit is a prominent cause of carelessness in this respect.

It is not our daily engagement to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit whom the Father hath sent in the Redeemer's name to counsel and guide us but grieve it continually by closing the ears that come to us from the world around we shall be unprepared, when presenting ourselves before God in our public assemblies for that Spiritual worship which is acceptable unto him, that reverent waiting in singleness of heart wherein we may witness the refreshing of our Spirits, the renewal of our strength. Strangers to the light and life of the indwelling Word, our minds clouded, and our thoughts wandering, our meetings may seem to us dull and wearisome, and our inclination to attend them decline. But we believe as the love of Christ becomes an inspiring and controlling power in our hearts, we shall not only willingly but gladly turn aside from our temporal pursuits to mingle with our fellow believers in prayerful waiting upon him who is the rich Rewarder of his diligent seeking children, and that every moment of these seasons will be so precious that the hour set apart for this gathering will be carefully observed.

We feel the need among us of a more entire and holy dedication to our Lord, that, as branches of the true Vine, we may grow & flourish, abounding in the fruits of righteousness, qualified with upright hearts and clean hands for that service which shall tend to our mutual edification & the building up of the Church; that having on the beautiful garments of humility and heavenly-mindedness, our whole lives may testify to the good things of the Redeemer's kingdom and our example serve as a beacon-light to those among other religious professors, who, in this day, are becoming dissatisfied with the empty forms in which they have been educated and are seeking for the living bread, inquiring the way to true rest and peace.

We have been reminded that if we are truly disciples of our blessed Savior, the test of our discipleship will be manifest among us in Christian forbearance (and

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sympathy one for another, and greater watchfulness to discover and correct our own failings & imperfections than to censure and magnify those of others. We shall always be found ready to assist the weak & faltering, endeavoring to restore those who have been wandering from the right way and to encourage every appearance of good even in the hindermost of the flock. May this injunction of the apostle, so full of instruction and warning, be to us all as a watchword; "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord, looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you & thereby many be defiled."

If we have experienced the one baptism, the sprinkling of the blood of Christ to purge our consciences from dead works to serve the living God, we shall all be made instruments of good - all be shown a sphere of usefulness. Fed from the unfailing springs, the life of the humble disciple sends out into the world its streams of blessing. In the hidden by-ways there is service for the Master, as in the more public paths; and if laboring under this direction, filling the place we are ordained to fill, many one of us grow weary or discouraged, though the fruit of our labors may not at once appear, remembering it is for the servant in the obedience of loving faith to plant and water resting in the assurance that the Lord of the harvest will give the increase.

Much affectionate counsel & encouragement have been extended to our dear young sisters, a large number of whom are in attendance of this meeting, and the evidence among them of increasing faithfulness to the requirements of Him who so loved us that he laid down his life for our sakes and left us an example that we should follow his steps has been a comfort to many hearts. We desire that all of this interesting class, giving attentive heed to the Spirit of Truth, which never leads astray, may be preserved from the snares which are set for the unwary, and walking closely with their Lord in this self-denying path, be prepared to endure with Christian courage the opposition they may meet with from the spirit of the world, being assured that the strongest

testimony we can bear to the excellency of our religious principles is their efficacy in our lives, leading us out of conformity to the vain habits and customs & pleasures of the world into the humility and simplicity which our blessed Savior taught and into a whole hearted devotedness to his service.

The responsibilities resting upon mothers in reference to the proper training of their children, we rejoice to believe many fully appreciate, and are often found pleading at the throne of grace for that wisdom which alone is profitable to direct in the fulfilment of the sacred charge committed to their keeping, but we have cause deeply to regret the worldly views which appear to influence the minds of others in the education of their families and the feeble exercise of parental restraint which often permits their being led step by step into associations calculated to blunt their religious sensibilities & unfit them for a career of usefulness and happiness. In order that our efforts for the benefit of those under our care may be crowned with success, we must be prepared to enforce our advice by a consistent practice, and exemplary life and conversation. We must know what it is to walk in the light ourselves before we can be as lights unto others, be able to testify from our own experience to the peace & holy joy of the life hid with Christ in God, before we can impress upon the minds of our children just sentiments respecting the vanity of earth's transitory enjoyments and delusive hopes, and point them to the Source of durable riches & those pleasures that never disappoint

Although the hearts of devout and watchful parents may be often pained by the waywardness of their children - the ungodly lives of those whose steps they have earnestly desired to lead in the path of virtue, these have been encouraged to continued faithfulness & perseverance in prayer on behalf of their erring ones, trusting in the promise that in due time they shall reap if they faint not.

The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures collectively in our families, as well as the frequent prayerful perusal of them in our seasons of private retirement, has been urged as a duty, the neglect of which is always attended

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with serious loss, and we should be careful that no considerations of a more business nature be permitted to interfere with this important engagement. How often has it been the case that a passage of Scripture, heard in the quiet family reading, has been sealed upon the mind of the child by the Holy Spirit to his true awakening & encouragement in the way of Holiness.

We would impress upon all our dear sisters, the importance of a practical acceptance of our Savior's precepts as we are favored to read them in the pure light of his Spirit, that so we may be instructed in our individual and relative duties and in our families, our social intercourse, our service in the Church and in conflict with the evils which are in the world, we may be earnest workers for the Master, truly adorning our Christian doctrine.

While we have realized, at this time, the comfort of mutual counsel, and lips have been anointed to speak one to another helpful words to cheer our pilgrim journey, our hearts have gone out in loving remembrance and sympathy to dear absent ones, and we have rejoiced that, not only in the great congregation but in the solitude of the closet, in the chamber of sickness or amid the pressure of daily care there is a sanctuary for every waiting, trusting soul, where the God of all grace will manifest himself as an ever-present Helper and Comforter;- that whatever may be our circumstances of outward loneliness or trial, he who knoweth it all has promised his prayerful, confiding children, that he will be to them as a hiding-place from the wind and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great Rock in a weary land."

The Committee in charge of our Boarding School have presented the following Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee entrusted with the care & management of the Boarding School at Providence, report that they have given such attention to its concerns as way has opened for, and feel warranted in stating their belief, that the Institution, as to its educational capacity, the salubrity of its financial affairs and the religious feeling that appears to pervade in an encouraging degree the inmates of the

school, was probably never in a better condition. Since the last year the school has grown decidedly in numbers, being now much larger than ever before. The advance in scholarship has also been marked; nearly all the old officers with their additional experience have been retained, & courses of lectures by three professors in Brown University have been established in addition to the regular studies.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was two hundred & twenty two, viz one hundred one hundred & forty three boys & seventy nine girls; Spring term two hundred & nineteen viz; one hundred & forty one boys and seventy eight girls.

Notwithstanding the large number of pupils that have been provided for within its walls, with the blessing of a kind Providence but few cases of severe sickness have occurred. During the fall term the school was remarkably free from illness of any kind, while during the Spring term although colds have prevailed to some extent & a number of cases of mild disease have occurred with a few instances of a more aggravated type, one of which proved fatal, yet the health of the school has been generally good. The case referred to was Edmah L. Barber, the daughter of Adams J. Barber of Woonsocket. She died of rheumatic fever, and our Principal informs us that the sweetness and patience with which she bore her painful illness was a teaching lesson to all around her.

The officers of the School are Albert H. Smiley, Principal, Rebecca H. Smiley Principal of the female department, Edwin Rowell, Job S. Gidley, Alice R. Wing, Bessie T. Wing Martha G. Read and Mary Anna Collins, teachers of English branches, Thomas J. Battey teacher of Natural Science, Daniel C. Maxfield teacher of Mathematics, Alonzo Williams teacher of Greek, Latin & German, Clarkson Collins assistant teacher of Latin, Charles H. Gates teacher of French, Lewis Dimon teacher of History and Katharine H. Austin teacher of Drawing.

After consideration of the subject, the Committee came to the conclusion that the best interests of the school would be promoted by returning to the former practice of holding religious meetings for the pupils & family at the school-house. Accordingly stated meetings for divine

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worships are now held in the Hall of the Institution on First days at 11 o'clock A.M., and on Fourth days at the same hour. The meetings have been attended by one or more members of the committee & have been held to good satisfaction. The quiet and orderly deportment of the young people on these occasions has been very commendable.

First day afternoons and evenings have been occupied as heretofore

Since our last Yearly Meeting, a house has been erected for the residence of a farmer & his family at a cost of $2,534.63

Payments for additional furniture, water, hose & expense of moving & resetting outbuildings have amt to $1,326.94

The annual repairs to the buildings & furniture paid $3.861.37
from the gross receipts of the School have cost over $4000.

From the Report of the Auditing Committee the receipts & expenditures of the School & charitable funds including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations are as follows:

School Fund

Insurance premium returned	$97.80	
Income from the investments	$6732.46	
		$6.830,26
Paid insurance premium etc.	$316.60	
" A. K. Smiley	$6231.82	
Balance on hand	281.84	
		$6.830,26

Charitable Funds

Balance of last year's account	$44.01	
Income from investments	$3040.96	
		$3084.97
Paid School bills	$2050.00	
Balance on hand 5mo. '74	1034.97	
		$3084.97

This income will warrant the admission of twenty three pupils on the fund, the ensuing year.

The present indebtedness of the School 6mo. 2d. 1874 is as follows

Due the Treasurer for the Yearly Meeting for money loaned and interest $15.498,93

On contracts for building carriage house store house, shed & barn in course of erection $4.000

$19.498,93

Amounts brought forward $19,498.93
Less unexpended amt of estimated profits of school the present year 3,750.
Present indebtedness $15,748.93

It is proposed that the present charge for board and tuition be continued viz:

For members of this Yearly Meeting $100.
For members of other Y. Mtg's or where one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such $190
For all others that may be admitted 300

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, German or Drawing One half payable at the opening of the year & one half at the opening after recess.

In conclusion we feel bound again to commend the school to the special notice & consideration of Friends; believing, as we do, that we have an Institution that is well worthy from the extent & character of its accommodations & appointments of the support of the members of our Religious Society, & that with this united concern for its welfare and the blessing of Heaven on the well intended efforts of those concerned in its management, it will continue to be an instrumentality for good to the rising generation among us

On behalf & by direction of the Committee
Wm C. Taber, Clerk

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Note.

The Autumn Term begins 9 mo. 2. 74 & closes 1st Mo. 20th 1875
" Winter Recess " 1 " 20th 75 & " 2 " 3d "
" Spring Term " 2nd 3d 1875 " 6 " 23d "

Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 1st of 5mo. next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be acted on in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefits of the charitable funds or of the Chemezon Metcalf donation should apply at the time specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits & literary attainments

of the applicant. All applications should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee to the Principal

Address Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' School Providence

which is satisfactory, and we re-appoint the same Committee to have charge of the Institution the ensuing viz: Benjamin Buffum, Sarah S. Tobey, Charles F. Coffin, Ann Maria Coffin, Edward W. Howland, Guilielma W. Howland, Oliver Robinson, Mary C. Hawkes, Edward Earle, Ann B. Earle, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna M. Hussey, Thomas B. Nichols, Ruth Ann Nichols, Moses Bailey, Hannah J. Bailey, William C. Taber, Dorcas B. Robinson, Charles R. Tucker, Ellen K. Buffum, Samuel Austin, Laura S. Collins, George Howland Jr. Rebecca C. Grinnell, Gideon C. Smith, Mary A. Smith; and they are authorized to sell some portion of the land purchased by the Yearly Meeting of the heirs of Thomas S. Halsey, in order to increase the funds of the Institution, the income to be used in schooling the children of this Yearly Meeting:

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10. o'clock

Third day morning Met near 10 o'clock.

The London General Epistle of 1874 has been received & read and while listening to its clear testimony to the truth as it is in Jesus, and its tender call to individual faithfulness, the language which accompanied our Lord's message to the gathered believers in early days has been revived; "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches".

We have united with Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in changing the hour of holding that meeting in the 10th month from 11 to 10 o'clock in the morning; & with Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting in holding that meeting in the 2d month at China, & that the hour of holding that Quarterly Meeting be changed from 11. to 10. o'clock in the forenoon

We have received from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders the following Summary of the Answers to their Queries viz:

Ans. 1st. Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline with one or two exceptions Reported from one Quarterly Meeting;

and careful to promote the attendance of their families.
Ans. 2d. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are, in good measure, clean & blameless among men, and, with some exception they are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which they belong endeavoring to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth
Ans. 3d. With little exception ministers & elders are careful to rule their own houses well; & endeavor by example and precept to train up their families in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession
Ans. 4th. Ministers and elders are generally preserved in love, with slight exception mentioned in one report and are engaged to administer counsel or encouragement as occasion may require in in reference to ministry or conduct.

A proposition being received from Falmouth, Wolfalboro. and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings in reference to a change in the place of holding our Yearly Meeting a part of the time, we appoint our friends Gertrude H. Cartland, Anna T. Dennis, Abigail M. Hanson, Mary Alice Brown, Sarah H. Anthony, Dorcas F. Tucker, Mary C. Hawkes, Jane C. Minott, Abby S. Battey, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Margaret B. Cates, Hannah Meader, Mary G. Estes, Phebe P. Jones and Hannah J. Bailey to unite with a committee of Men Friends in considering the subject and they are requested to report at a future sitting of this meeting.

An epistle from our dear friends of Norway comes to us as a fresh message of Christian love, bringing renewed evidence of the unwasting & fervent ing fervor of the Great Head of the church.
We adjourn to meet in joint session at 4 o clock this P.M.

Third day afternoon Met according to adjournment.
The Minutes of the Representative Meeting have been read to our interest and satisfaction
The Committee on Foreign Missions have presented the following report viz:

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To the Yearly Meeting.

The joint committee entrusted with the concern of this meeting upon the subject of Foreign Missions present the following report viz:

We deeply feel our insufficiency for the work in the new & untried field, but we thankfully acknowledge that our Heavenly Father has been pleased to open the way for some service in it

Soon after the Yearly Meeting letters were received giving the information that Theophilus Waldemeier, a devoted servant of the Lord, with whom Friends in England had been favorably impressed, had felt constrained to leave the Schools where he had been employed in Beirut, mainly on account of feeling scruples about taking part in the forms and ceremonies required of him therein, although he still felt called to Missionary work.

Our Committee was called together at Syrun, where the case was laid before them, together with all the information we had obtained respecting the field which seemed opening in Syria, of the situation of Th. Waldemeier & his fitness for the work, and of his willingness to carry it on under our direction

After careful consideration of the whole subject & seeking for direction from the Head of the church, we were united in accepting this as a Providential opening for the spread of the gospel and for the advancement of our Lord's kingdom on the earth; and the Mission work then entered upon has been mainly under our care, the agent reporting directly to this committee.

We were, however, from the first, much encouraged by the assurance of the sympathy & cooperation of English Friends, & they have promptly & efficiently seconded our efforts in the undertaking.

Theophilus Waldemeier is a native of Switzerland; he has had large experience in Missionary labors in Abyssinia and other countries. His wife Susan Waldemeier, is the daughter of an Englishman who, for a number of years held a high position in the Abyssinian government. Those acquainted with Th. Waldemeier have been favorably impressed with the simple earnestness of his Christian character, while the acquaintance of both with the Arabic langua

adds greatly to their usefulness in their present position. Gradually Fr. Waldemeier has been led to embrace views respecting the prominent doctrines of the gospel & especially the teachings of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the principles professed by Friends, and a recent letter states that he has applied for membership among us.

It was at Brumana in the district of Aley, Syria, about 12 miles from Beirut on the western slope of Mt. Lebanon, that Fr. Waldemeier & his beloved companion were, after prayerful consideration, led to locate themselves, and in this land, hallowed with Bible memories, they commenced their work in the 7th month 1873. It is estimated that this district has a population of 60.000 souls, one half of whom are Maronites and the others Druses, Greek, Catholics, Moslems &c. Nearly all of them are ignorant and superstitious.

Three schools for children have been established, two at Brumana & one at Beit Noir, a few miles distant. The girls' school at Brumana contains thirty scholars the boys, fifty. The boys school at Beit Noir also numbers fifty scholars. One evening school for adults has also been held at Brumana, & three teachers have been employed. Applications have come from several of the neighboring villages that schools may be established in them, and Fr. Waldemeier can but recognize in this desire for instruction, the Spirit of God working amid this ignorant and degraded people.

No mission has before been established in the district, and the willingness manifested to receive the gospel message is wonderful. Ready access to the people seems to be afforded to Fr. Waldemeier, sometimes in teaching publicly & from house to house, sometimes more privately & even secretly in his own dwelling, where several of the priests & monks have resorted to learn of the way of salvation by Jesus Christ, while, at other times, his house has been thronged by eager listeners, who, from early morning till late in the evening, have come to hear of a Savior for sinners. He writes, "At one house, among the Druses, I was received with great gladness when I spoke to them as I felt moved by the Spirit of the Lord, and all, with the exception of three men, confessed that there is only

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salvation through Jesus Christ." Several monks & priests have expressed a desire to renounce their idolatrous worship and burdensome ceremonies, and one has left the convent & placed himself as pupil among the boys in our Mission school at Brummana. Persecution, the surest test of faith, has not been wanting to these, and the Maronite bishop has threatened the excommunication of all who resort to the Protestant mission; but the people continue to seek to learn the glad tidings of a free salvation, and the Lord still cares for his own.

The influence of Susan Waldemeier among the women has also been blessed, her familiarity with their native tongue enabling her to understand & instruct them with much ease. They appear to be even more ignorant and superstitious than the men, and we would appeal to the highly favored women of our Religious Society to use their influence in this cause. May it not be considered as a debt we owe for our especial privileges?

The cost of carrying on the Mission work last year was about £200. sterling, or a little upwards of $1000 one thousand dollars. Of this sum, Friends in England furnished one half, and the remainder was raised by private subscription almost entirely among Friends in our Yearly Meeting. Some funds were also furnished, in addition, for the schools, by friends of Th. Waldemeier in Switzerland.

In looking forward to another year, it appears probable that the field of labor so providentially opened before us will continue to widen. We earnestly desire that Divine Wisdom may guide the counsels of our meeting in regard to a service which we believe the dear Master has laid before Friends of New England. We commend it to the protection of our Father in heaven and to the prayerful consideration of Friends.

For the Committee

Newport. Ohio. 15. 1874 — Susan Taber

which has been accepted. The work of establishing schools in Syria, among a people possessing so few educational privileges, commends itself to our cordial sympathy, & we trust, that, amid the many fields which are open around us, inviting the laborers, this will continue to claim our warm interest.

N.B. Treasurer's acct inserted 18 pages forward

We appoint the same committee that served last year, with the exception of our dear friend Sybil Jones, deceased, and the addition of Julia Anna Hodgdon & Benjamin F. Knowles.

Committee on Foreign Missions.- Eli Jones, Ellen L. Congdon, Joseph E. Macomber, Timothy W. Earle, Rebecca H. Smiley, John H. Crossman, Thomas Wood, Susan Taber, Deborah W. Crossman, Harriet N. Jones, George Howland jr., Sylvia C. Howland, Gabez Wood, Charles M. Bailey, Albert C. Buffum, Ann B. Earle, Charles C. Varney, Lydia Ann Eastland, Abby S. Battey, Lydia E. Sawyer, Mary B. Breed & Weare, Anna C. Wood, Charles J. Cates, Margaret B. Cates, Obadiah Chase, Julia Anna Hodgdon, Benjamin F. Knowles.

A testimony from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late, beloved Friend, Elizabeth Cove has been read.

What a precious legacy such as these leave to those who have been their fellow travelers by the way; their presence is still felt, their voices still speak, "they rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

The Committee on behalf of the Freedmen report as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting,

Your Committee in charge of the mission for the freed people at Washington, would report that during the past year their operations have been mostly confined to the sale of the real estate, which has been sold and all debts paid; and as by report of the Treasurer, hereto annexed, it will be seen the balance remaining in their hands is about 4,700 dollars. Victoria Shaw has continued her attendance at Howard University and will soon complete her second year. She is to have another year before graduation, at which time the Normal School fund from which she has been supported there will be exhausted. Mary Smith has received tuition at Howard University but has boarded with our friends John C. & Hannah Cove.

We ask for both of these girls, the care & consideration of the future committee. We would now recommend that the sum of $300. be raised by this meeting

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annually and added to the interest of the $4700 and the amount thus in hand (about $600 a year) be placed in the hands of a small and judicious committee to be expended for the Spiritual and Educational improvement of the freed people

For the Committee Edward W. Howland
Newport 6th mo. 16. 1874 Ann B. Earle

New England Friends' Mission at Washington in Account, and interest account to 11th mo. 28. 1873, with Edward W. Howland.

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6mo. 16.	To balance due from old acct	$3961.63	
	Interest a 7 per ct. 3 mos 12 days		$124.79
	Balance of interest account	55.63	
	Balance of acct invested at 7 per ct.	3781.74	
		$7799.	$124.79

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8mo. 2.	By cash received from John C. Gove	$3840.	
	Interest 3 mos 26 di		$64.05
11mo. 14	Cash received from Edward Earle $1879		
	Interest 14 days		3.11
" 18	Cash received from Edward Earle $3080		
	Interest		$55.63
	Balance of interest acct	$7779.00	$124.79

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11mo. 28 To Balance of this acct invested at 7 per cent $3.781 74

New Bedford, 6mo. 10. 1874 Edward W. Howland

Note.

Balance of this account invested $3.781.74

interest to 6th mo. 10. 1874, at 7 per ct. $141.19		$3.922.93
Amount due from John C. Gove $800,		
interest on Same	47.91	847.91
Amount overspended		$4770.84

which is satisfactory and we accede to the propositions therein contained. We appoint Charity G. Chase, Ellen L. Longdon, Sarah F. Tobey and Dorcas F. Tucker to join a committee of men Friends in nominating a committee for the ensuing year, to carry out our concern on behalf of this still needy class of our countrymen; and present the same to a future sitting

Adjourned to meet in joint sesion tomorrow A.M. at 10 o'clock.

Fourth day morning, met pursuant to adjournment. The frinds nomed at our last sitting to prepose names to constitute a committee on freedmens affairs have presented the following, viz:

Edward W. Howland, Anna B. Earle, Benjamin Buffum, Edward Earle, Ellen K. Buffum and Guilelma Howland who are approved, and this committee is authorized not only to appropriate the sum specified in the report, for the benefit of those under their charge but to draw upon the principal of the fund for the same purpose, as in their judgement may be deemed advisable.

A satisfactory report from the committee on General Meetings has been read, and is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed to take charge of the General Meetings held within our limits present the following report, viz:

There have been six General Meetings held during the past year, viz: at Newport, R.I. at Vassalboro Me, at Bolton Mass, at Allens Neck, Mass, at Winthrop Me, and at South Durham Me.

These meetings have been seasons of Divine favor, the presence of the Lord has been manifest in them and the baptism of the Holy Spirit experienced. Hearts dead in trespasses and sins have been aroused to see their need of a Savior, and, accepting him have realized the blessed fulness of salvation through his atoning blood.

At some of these meetings almost the entire neighborhood was gathered together and many were convinced of the accordance of the doctrines held by our Religious Society with those of the early disciples of Christ. At others there were smaller numbers and the effect was more manifest in the building up of believers.

At places where the General Meetings were held last year, the good effects are yet evident, and many have reason to be thankful for them.

Several series of meetings, similar in character to the General Meetings have also been held, we trust, to the glory of God.

We recommend that this subject continue to recieve the attention of the Yearly Meeting, under the care of a committee. On behalf of the Committee, Edward W. Howland, Anna E. Hood. Newport 6 mo. 16. 1874

and we appoint our friends Anna G. Wood. S. Jane C
Mary Gove, Hannah S. Wing, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ann
T. Dennis and Sarah B. Goddard to unite with a comm
mittee of men Friends in proposing names to consti
tute a Committee on General Meetings for the ensuin
year.

The Committee to consider the proposition of the
eastern Quarterly Metings to change the place of holdi
the Yearly Meeting alternate years, have presented the
following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee to consid
the request from the three eastern Quarterly Meetings in
relation to holding alternate sessions of the Yearly
Meting at some other point than Newport, have
given attention to the subject referred to them & after
careful & thoughtful consideration of the question, have
concluded to recommend to the Yearly Meeting that wh
it adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the city of Portland. at the
usual time next year

For the Committee George Howland Jr
Newport, 6th mo. 17th 1874 Clerk

which is accepted, and it is therefore decided that when
we adjourn this year, it shall be to meet in the city of
Portland, Maine, at the usual time, in 1875.

The Representatives present the following names, to con
stitute the Representative Meting for the ensuing year, viz:

Thomas Harkness	Mary C. Hawkes	Hannah J. Bailey
Thomas B. Buffum	Samuel H. Colton	Phebe P. Jones
Anna T. Dennis	Richard Battey	Edward & W. Howland
Sarah F. Tobey	Ann B. Earle	Joseph Cartland
Wm. C. Newhall	Abby S. Battey	William C. Taber
Wm A. Brown	Thomas B. Nichols	Peres Peck
Mahalath P. Jones	Eli Jones	Edward Earle
Abigail M. Hanson	Hannah T. Jenkins	David K. Aiken
George Howland Jr.	Sarah W. Goddard	Charles F. Coffin
Charles R. Tucker	Jacob H. Purinton	George Richardson
Rebecca C. Grinnell	Albert C. Buffum	Thomas Folsom
Susan Taber	Anna M. Hussey	Nevell Hopkins
George Douglass	Huldah S. Buffum	Stephen Jones
Augustus F. Cox	Moses Bailey	Samuel Jones
S. Janie Cox	Reuben T. Jones	Henry T. Hood

Charles Tabor, George Bowne and Moses Sawyer.

The Committee under appointment to carry out the concern of this meeting on behalf of Indian tribes west of the Mississippi river, have presented the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting -

The joint committee appointed last year upon the concern of the meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi River, report:-

At our first meeting held in Newport, immediately after our appointment, Edward M. Howland and Edward Earle were appointed to represent this Committee in the Associated Executive Committee on Indian concerns in the several Yearly Meetings. Arrangements were also made to engage in the duty specially assigned us by the Yearly Meeting, viz: the fostering care and supervision of two schools within the limits of the Quapaw Agency; and it was apprehended that our charge embraced not only their literary but their religious & Scriptural instruction. While the General government furnishes buildings for the purposes and defrays the expenses of superintendents and teachers and also supplies the necessary food for the Missions, it is expected of us to provide suitable clothing for the children, to see that books, papers and other necessary articles are furnished for the schools, and in general, to promote the moral and religious growth of our charge and their advancement in civilized life.

In the 10th Mo. four of our number visited the Indian agency. They were also accompanied by two of our friends from New Bedford. Altho' the schools were not in session at the time of this visit yet the Committee was able to bring us valuable information respecting their condition and needs.

The Quapaw Mission building is located in the Indian Territory a few miles west of Baxter Springs, Kansas.

There are seven tribes in this agency under the supervision of United States agent Hiram M. Jones. Four schools are sustained within the agency although only two are under our care, viz: one composed of Quapaw children exclusively, and the other Peorias with a few confederate Miamis. Our friend Asa C. Tuttle is charged by the Government with the general supervision of the school. His wife Emeline H. Tuttle is an efficient teacher and manager in the Quapaw Mission.

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Considerable effort had been made to supply the wants of the schools, when in the 11th month our care and responsibility were largely increased, by the arrival within our territorial limits of the remnant of the Modoc tribe 152 in number who were encamped within 15 miles of the mission. Wholly without food & very scantily furnished with clothing, their pitiful condition drew heavily upon the time, the sympathy and the resources of the care-takers at the agency, and we were hastily called upon for assistance

New and second hand clothing, bedding & boots and shoes were forwarded as fast as they could be collected, and we gratefully acknowledge the alacrity with which Friends in different parts of this Yearly Meeting and also, in some instances, beyond our limits, hastened to aid us. The energies of the agents & also of our friends Asa & Emeline H. Tuttle were exerted to the utmost and thus the most pressing wants of this people were soon in a measure supplied, & they were induced to place a few of the children in school.

We have been much encouraged in our efforts by continued accounts of the good progress of the children in their studies at school. In the Quapaw Mission the whole number of scholars admitted since last autumn has been 70. The average attendance during the first quarter was 25; since the arrival of the Modocs it has been 50. Number of boys admitted 41; number of girls 29. The oldest scholar is about 20 years of age, the youngest 5 years. Considering that about a year of patient application is required for the children to speak English language with confidence, their improvement has been rapid. Object teaching, card primer, 1st 2d 3d & 4th Readers, Mental Arithmetic, Writing & Geography are the studies pursued.

Sophronia Ellis has assisted Emeline Tuttle a portion of the time in this school, although her time is mostly occupied in the household department

"I can scarcely say" writes E.H. Tuttle that I have never seen more rapid improvement than has been perceptible in the Modoc children, Generally the mental powers of the Indians must be drawn out to effect any improvement but the Modocs are energetic and ambitious, with an active brain which readily grasps whatever comes within their observation. Thirty three of these children we

enrolled of whom one is now at home on account of the sickness of her mother, thirty are in our family & during the late severe epidemic two were taken away to Camp Modoc and died there."

Among the Pawnees a day school has been sustained with an average attendance of twenty scholars. They have a good male teacher whose powers of instruction & Christian influence have been valuable. A number of the parents meet him quite regularly with their children in the Sunday school, when some religious exercises are combined with Bible instruction. This tribe has enjoyed the benefits of a school for some time, & is quite in advance of the Quapaws in civilization. They have also a school fund of their own. Strong hopes are entertained that a mission home will be provided and a boarding school established, from their own funds, during the present season.

Allusion has been made to the severe sickness which during the early spring visited the Quapaw Mission. It much resembled pneumonia & was epidemic in its character. A number of the children and several of the care takers were attacked by the disease, & the occasion was a severe trial of faith and patience to the managers. The Modoc parents of three sick children came & insisted upon taking them away to their camp, & they were at length reluctantly given up by Emeline Tuttle with sad misgivings. Two of these children soon died in the Modoc camp, while the other slowly recovered. No case of sickness at the Mission proved fatal. Some touching incidents are reported, in connection with this sincere visitation, showing the religious susceptibility of the children & the evident work of grace upon their hearts. One little child who died in the Modoc camp, alluding to the great lamentation which is continued through many days, on such occasions, entreated her mother not to cry longer than one day after her death.

The Quapaw Indians number about 300, and are well located in a fine farming country. The land connected with Mission consists of about 160 acres, all of which has been ploughed & fenced and nearly all is in a state of cultivation. Twenty five acres are now in good wheat, 60 acres in corn, twenty to twenty five acres of oats & ten acres of garden & orchard.

While the progress of the adults in this tribe is slow, there

is still cause for encouragement. They grow more tidy in appearance and are more inclined to labor; and Agent Jones reports an agreeable advancement with most of them. The improvement of the children is in all respects much more rapid. The boys at the Mission while they are receiving instruction in the school, also assist in the farm work, helps to fence the land and plant the garden and field

The girls under the care of the matron are taught morning & evening, to assist in household duties. Thus all the children are in good measure under civilizing influences.

The Peorias are about 200 in number (two hundred), with a few confederate Miamis. Our committee who visited this people last fall reported a number of them as engaged in breaking land and fencing in little farms for themselves raising crops cattle & hogs, & also in planting fruit trees. They are generally farther advanced in civilization than the Quapaws and some of them bid fair ere long to render themselves independent of government aid. They, also, receive an annuity from Government & have required little assistance the past season beyond some clothing for the children in school.

The Modocs have not been assigned to any reservation of land permanently, & thus have, so far, had less opportunity for improvement. A few acres have, however, been set apart to them for gardening purposes. As a Suttle writes "their farm operations do them credit, ten or twelve of them being seen in the field at once, planting and hoeing". The marked improvement of the children of the Modocs at the mission, and the evident confidence which the agent and caretakers have cheered & encouraged the adults of this tribe, who in intelligent observation, aptitude and ambition excel all the Indians in this Agency. We learn that they will probably be located during this season among the Shawnees, but we apprehend their children will be continued in the Quapaw School. Perhaps no feature of this Mission work has afforded more encouragement than the religious and moral influences which have pervaded it. Every evening, religious exercises are held in the family in which the children join, by reading the Bible and repeating hymns. A First day school is also regularly

held at the Mission School, many of the parents with the children come in First day and are also taught the truths of the Bible and the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. They evince an increasing interest in religious things. After these services, instruction is sometimes given in temperance, morality, industry etc.

Emeline Tuttle writes: "Nearly always a portion of the adults meets with us; sometimes only a few come, while at others the house is nearly filled."

The whole amount contributed in aid of this undertaking during the year has been as follows:

Money received by the Treasurer	$613.89
New and second hand clothing cloth in piece goods, boots & shoes & other useful articles from friends in different parts of New England	$349.53
Whole amt contributed	$963.42

Valuable aid was also received from Friends of Philadelphia, in timely contributions of maps, charts, books pictures & seeds of various kinds

In closing this report of the interesting charge confided to us, we desire to bear testimony to the cheerful promptness with which our efforts have been seconded by Friends in various localities within our limits, and also gratefully to acknowledge that the Divine blessing has evidently attended the work of our hands.

Henry T. Wood, Clerk

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee for New England Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs for the Central Superintendency report that there have been two meetings of the Associated Executive Committee, at which all the Yearly Meetings were represented. The first was held at Lawrence Kansas in 10th month last and was an interesting occasion. This locality being near the Agencies several of the agents were present & gave us valuable information in regard to their work. Some of the teachers were also in attendance & gave encouraging accounts of the commencement and progress of their schools.

Another meeting of the Committee was held in Phil-

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adelphia in 4th Month last, at which New England, N. York, North Carolina, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Kansas, and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings were represented. Much anxiety was felt in regard to statements made to us respecting the raids of the Kiowas and parts of other tribes in the vicinity of Fort Sill; and it was stated to us that Government would not tolerate such proceedings much longer but would place the Indians under military authority. This looked discouraging, in view of our labors for the last four or five years, which seemed, at first thought, to have produced but little apparent improvement, but as we went back still further to the commencement of our work and remembered the Indian wars with all their attendant evils, we felt that good had been accomplished, & that the principles of Peace had been in some degree maintained and upheld. Our faith was renewed and we desired to press forward, asking for the Divine blessing on our labors. We have had but two meetings, and if it should seem to any that we have not given proper care in the case, we may state that there is a sub-committee called the Washington Committee which is summoned in all cases of emergency, a meeting of which occurred last week in Washington.

Friends were brought into much concern as to the manner in which depredators, such as horse-thieves & the like should be arrested. They had interviews with the President & Secretary of the Interior & others interested and were relieved by the promise that Government would establish a marshal & his force to whom our agents might give information, as in such cases at home.

We wish to bear testimony to the faithfulness of our true watchman, Dr. William Nicholson, who gives his whole time to the service, spending a portion of it in Lawrence, Kansas, and a part in Washington, and in making frequent visits to the Indians. We should not do justice to ourselves or our worthy friend Enoch Hoag if we did not refer to his efficient labors as Superintendent of the Indians under our care. He has our unqualified support & we believe there is no officer of the

Interior department to whom is accorded more confidence and respect.

In conclusion we may add that the Washington committee informs us, that when they have sought aid or advice from the President, Secretary of the Interior or any of their subordinates, connected with this Mission, they have received the most kind attention, and the highest regard and respect have been shown to what they term our peculiar Christian way of working in this complicated field of labor

Edward Hoag
Edward Earle

which is very satisfactory and encouraging. We re-appoint the Committee who have given such faithful attention during the past year to the work assigned them, and trust they will continue to receive the prayerful sympathy of Friends. Donations of money and clothing which during the past year have proved a necessary and valuable auxiliary to the efforts of those in charge at the Mission, we hope will still be freely made.

Adjourned to meet in separate session this P.M. at 4 o'clock

Fourth day Afternoon Met according to adjournment

Essays & Epistles to our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio and Canada have been read

The Committee on Education Reports as follows, viz:

The Education committee presents the following statistics of the schools in our Yearly Meeting, as far as known. The summary is necessarily imperfect, as three of the Monthly Meetings failed to report:

The number of Monthly Meeting Schools is	1
" " Family "	1
" " " children attending school past year	477
Ditto " " " Schools taught by Fds or under their control	142
No. attaining education at academies & colleges not under care Fds	25
" Members engaged in teaching	88
" First day schools under the care of Friends	42
" Average time of holding the same Schools	10 months
The whole No. attending the same	2,326
" average " " "	1449
" No. of men members " "	925
" " over 21yrs of age	814

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The number of Friends over 21 yrs of age	624
" " teachers	211
" " Bible classes not connected with 1st schools	7
" average term	10 months
The whole No. belonging to the same	162
" average No.	89
" No. Friends belonging to such	78
" " of Particular Meetings without School or Bible class	2/3

We have again to regret there should be so large a number of meetings without a Bible class or First day school; but most of them are very small, and the members of several attend Union Sabbath Schools, conducted yearly by members of our Society.

While we have been mindful of our appointment, have endeavored to give encouragement and help in our respective neighborhoods, and fully realize the great importance of correct and enlarged ideas on the subject of general education, yet we cannot feel that much has been or can be accomplished by this committee; we therfore recommend its discontinuance and the adoption of the whole work by the Yearly Meeting, to be carried out as may seem best by the subordinate meetings.

On behalf of the committee
Samuel R. Buffington
Ellen N. Buffum

Newport, 6th Mo. 17. 1874

which is accepted, and we appoint Dorcas B. Robinson Lydia C. Real, Rebecca H. Smiley, Harriet N. Jones, Harriet Collins, Anna T. Dennis and Margaret B. Cates to unite with a committee of the men's meeting in the further consideration of the subject & report to-morrow afternoon.

A report has been received from a committee appointed at a public meeting of Friends, assembled in the interests of the Temperance cause, it is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

As a large and interesting meeting of Friends held here yesterday upon the subject of Temperance the desire was felt and expressed, that the Yearly Meeting might see its way at this time, to adopt some method of action upon the subject; and a committee was appointed to draft a proposition and present it to the meeting for its consideration.

The committee would therefore propose that the Yearly Meeting appoints a joint committee of two men and two women Friends from each Quarterly Meeting, to act on behalf of this meeting in this branch of Christian work; and that each of our Monthly Meetings be directed to appoint a committee to labor in concert with and in aid of the committee of this meeting, to promote the cause in their several neighborhoods & localities.

And we hope that in the selection of these committees care will be taken to appoint such Friends as are active and willing workers, and who will feel interested to carry forward the objects of this meeting in this important matter

On behalf of the committee

Jabez Wood
Susan Ann Gifford

Newport, Ohio, 17th 1874

and in accordance with the suggestion of said committee we appoint Ellen K. Buffum, Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia C. Neal, Deborah W. Crossman, Susan Taber, Elizabeth C. Wing, Myra E. Fry, Saloma Jane Cox, Susan Ann Gifford, Lydia Haight, Mary C. Jones, Eliza Philbrook Lydia C. Sawyer, Calista M. Purinton, Harriet N. Jones, Phebe M. Wadsworth to act with a committee of men Friends on behalf of this meeting, in patient earnest effort to suppress the wicked traffic in intoxicating liquors and rescue those who may be the victims of intemperance.

We adjourn to the time Men Friends may meet. To-morrow afternoon

Fifth day P. M. Met at 3 o'clock

Essays & epistles to our sisters of North Carolina, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been read. The clerk is directed to sign them, with those read at previous sittings and forward them to their respective meetings.

The Representatives having been called, all but two who attended the first sitting are present; for the absence of five sufficient reasons have been assigned.

The Committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace have Reported as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

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The joint committee to promote efforts in the cause of Peace report; That the circulation of reading matter through various channels has been continued, and, while in some localities within our limits there has been more labor in this respect than in former years, the committee have not accomplished as much as they could desire.

We believe there is still room for the dissemination of sound Christian sentiment upon this subject within our limits, which affords opportunity for continued effort. There has seemed to be no time for a public meeting upon the subject since coming to the island, although its importance has not been overlooked or forgotten

Some works upon the subject of Peace have been purchased but the amount remaining in the treasury is the same as that reported last year, viz: $ 2.25.26

On behalf of the Committee

Gabez Wood
Abby S. Batty

Newport 6mo. 18th 1874

and while we regard it as cause of thankfulness that our Committee, and many of our members have felt constrained to use their influence by the distribution of books & otherwise in support of the peaceable principles of the gospel, & we cannot doubt good seed has thus been sown, it is still sad to observe the strong hold which the war system has upon nations (and individuals professing to accept the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who gave to his followers the royal law "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We believe that as christian women, wives, mothers and sisters whose hearts are brought under the controlling power of him who inculcated only love, meekness & humility we shall feel it a solemn duty to bear a firm and consistent testimony against all that may tend to perpetuate a system so fraught with evil and misery to mankind, discouraging in our children and others the attendance of all military displays and celebrations and whatever acting upon the imagination would lead them to regard the soldier's life as one of honor and inspire them with erroneous views of patriotism

We appoint the committee that served last year

with the exception of our dear friend Sybil Jones deceased.
Peace Committee, Ann N. Colton, Rachel S. Howland
Susan Taber, Dorcas F. Tucker, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail C.
Beede, Gertrude W. Cartland, Lydia Haight, Narcissa S.
Jacobs, Dorcas B. Robinson, Anna J. Dennis, Ellen K.
Bullock, Mary A. Smith, Abby S. Battey and Sylvia
C. Howland.

The Committee appointed further to consider the subject of Education within the limits of our Yearly Meeting, report as follows, viz:

The committee to consider the general subject of Education and to propose some plan of action to the Yearly Meeting also, (if in their judgement it was thought best) to bring forward names of friends to have the care of this subject for the coming year, report, they have taken the subject into careful consideration & were united in proposing the following plan, viz: to divide the subject into two divisions one relating to Bible or Sabbath Schools the other to schools for secular instruction, each division to be under the care of a separate committee consisting of three men and three women friends.
The Committee on Bible Schools (for convenience of concert in action) to be chosen from a very limited territory, this territory to be changed from year to year
The following names are proposed for committee
On Bible Schools, Joseph E. Macomber, Jabez Wood, Silas
Taber, Anna E. Wood, Susan Taber, Elizabeth Ann Slade.
On Secular Schools, Augustine Jones, Thomas F.
Battey, Charles H. Jones, Deborah W. Grossman,
Carrie Alice Jones, H. Lizzie Jones.
And it is recommended that each committee so systematize their labors as to be able to embody in their reports to this meeting correct statistical information; and it is desired that Monthly Meetings may be requested to furnish them such statistics as they may require for this purpose.

It is further recommended that the committee on Bible Schools secure the services of one or more active, energetic laborers who shall visit in the interest of Bible Schools such meetings as may seem

to need personal attention, establishing, if possible, such schools where there are none, and taking measures to infuse fresh life into such as may be already established; and that the Committee be authorized to draw on our Treasurer for an amount necessary to cover the expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars.

On behalf of the committee Chas H. Jones
Rebecca H. Smiley

which we accept with the suggestion therein contained; & the committee thus appointed are requested to report to this meeting next year.

The committee appointed yesterday to propose names to constitute a Committee on the subject of General Meetings, inform: they have agreed to nominate the following, viz: Eli Jones, Hinds Taber, Anna S. Wood, Sarah W. Goddard, Seton Cartland, Lydia Haight, Richard Batty, Wm C. Newhall, Thomas B. Buffum, Moses Bailey, Rebecca H. Smiley, Anna J. Dennis, Abigail M. Hansom, Susan Taber, Sina B. Hussey, Edward W. Collins, Jane C. Minot, Phebe P. Jones, Hannah G. Sawyer, Matthew Howland who are approved and they are accordingly appointed to the care of General Meetings the ensuing year. An epistle addressed by our new Friends to Friends in Norway has been read.

The Clerk is authorized to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Rebecca Collins, viz:

"Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us": and similar ones for our friends Caroline E. Talbot, Rebecca Clawson, Eliza H. Varney, Hannah B. Tatum and Alida Clark.

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Jane W. Ferris viz: "Our beloved friend Jane W. Ferris acceptably attended this meeting"; and similar ones for our friends Martha A. Galt, Lydia Ozbun, Elizabeth H. Burgess and Judith Fry.

The clerk is authorized to cause the Minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among the families of Friends.

We have cause in deep humility

praise the name of the Lord our God, the Giver of every blessing for the spirit of love and condescension which has been so eminently manifest during the sittings of this meeting. We have often felt that we were favored to sit together, as in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that living bread has been broken for us and the multitude fed, and now would we gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be lost.

As we separate, it is with the solemn feeling that we may never all be permitted to meet again, upon the shores of time. Before the close of another year, our ranks may be still further thinned - some standing as in the Border Land, will soon be called to pass beyond the river.

May we all be found, during the remainder of the journey, whether longer or shorter, gathered unto Christ and clothed in his armor, that we "be not soon shaken in mind" but steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," and thus prepared when our stewardship shall be over, to receive the reward of faithful servants, the crown of righteousness an everlasting inheritance among them that are sanctified

We adjourn, proposing to meet in Portland Maine, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit

Signed in behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

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New England Friends' Yearly Meeting's Mission at Washington in Account, and interest account. to 11th mo. 28th. 1873, with Edward W. Howland:

Dr.

1873. 6mo. 16.	To balance due from old account	$3961.63	
	Interest 7 per ct. 3 mos 12 days		124.7
	Balance of interest account	55.63	
	Balance of acct invested at 7 per ct.	3781.74	
		$7799.	$124.7

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1873. 8mo 2d	By cash received from J. C. Gove	$2840.	
	Interest 3 mos 26 days		$64.0
" 11mo. 14	" cash rec'd from Edw Earle	1879	
	" Interest 14 days		5,1
" 18	cash rec'd from Edw Earle	3080	
	interest		55.6
	Balance of interest account	$7799	$124.7

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11th mo. 28. To balance of this acct invested at 7 per cent $3781.74

Edward W. Howland

New Bedford, 6th mo. 10th. 1874

Note.- Balance of this amount invested, $3781.74; interest to 6th mo. 10. 1874 at 7 per ct 141.19 $3922.9
Amount due from John C. Gove $800. Interest on same 47.91 $847.9

Amount unexpended $4770.84

Committee on Foreign Missions
In account with Geo. Howland Jr. Treasurer.

Dr.

1873. 11mo.	To cash received at Lynn	$174.92
12	" " " New Bedford	50.
1874. 2d mo. 6th	" collected at Providence	120.
" " 8	" New Bedford	20.
19	" " from sundry persons	71.40
4mo " 1st	" collected at Weare	23.19
" "	collected at N. Bedford	106.
5 " 25	" from 2 friends to support a teacher	150.
	" from Providence	3.
	" West China Sewing circle	20.
		$738.51

Cr.

1873. 12th mo. 10th. By cash paid for bill on London £50, $266.45
1874. 4 mo. 6th " " £50. 277.53
By balance on hand to new acct 194.53
$738.51

George Howland jr.
Newport R.I. Jan. 13. 1874. Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Committee having care of the Indian Schools at the west within the Quapaw Agency, presents his account as follows. Receipts
1873 8 mo. from Edwd Earle for Smithfield Dr. $15.
" " Timothy B. Hussey Dover " 20.
10 mo. " Joseph Cartland R.I. " 114.99
11 " 10 " Matthew Howland Sandwich " 155.
12 Mo. Moses Bailey for Fairfield Quarter 30.
" 15 Contribution from Prov. Friends by J. Cartland 8.
30th " " of Friends by David Kelly 20.
1874. 1st mo. 1st. Gift of S. N. Norman of Newport 10.
2d Cash Yarmouth Fds by David Kelly 3.
Contribution of Salem Mo. Meeting W. H. Brown 73.50
Friends of N. Berwick by T. B. Hussey 28.
1 mo. 6th " " " in Sandwich by M. A. Holway 12.
12 Quota of Vassalboro Quarter 32.
16 From Friends of Fair Haven Ms 4.
Cash " " Falmouth " 14.40
16 From John H. Dillingham, Newport College 5.
17 " Susan Taber to pay freight 2.25
" Edward Earle, bal. from Smithfield Dr. 15.
" Moses Sawyer quota of Weare M. Mtg 15.75
28 Cash from Hannah Sears N. Bedford 2.
Moses & Hannah Sawyer 2.
3 d mo. 4 " Contribution of Emma G. Smith by G. W. Cartland 12.
4 " Remit. from Jane C. Minott quota Falm Dr 20.
$613.89

Expenditures
1873. 9 mo. Paid for 18 pairs of shoes $27
G. W. Howland & A. S. Hoag to buy clothing &c. 109.28
Paid for paper, slates & books sent 4.61
" " making box 1.50

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1873.	11th mo. 1.	Paid for wool blankets	$ 110.
	12 " 8	Edwd H. Hazard crockery bill Baxter & Co	10,
	11	Paid for knives, forks & spoons sent	16.90
		Postage stamps sent E. H. Tuttle	1,
		Bills of boots and shoes	79.95
		Paid express, freight of goods out &c	27.18
1874.	1st mo. "	wash basins & combs	4.10
		Money orders sent Asa C. Tuttle to pay freights, mend the children's shoes & other expenses	79.09
		Paid for dry goods, clothing, needles, &c	77.74
"	1 mo. 20	Sent A. C. Tuttle to buy crockery	10,
	6 " 9	Paid for some cloth & articles for clothing	19.58
			$ 577.74
		Balance in the treasury	36.15
			$ 613. 89

New Bedford, 6 mo. 11, 1874 Henry T. Wood, Treasurer

Summary

Answer 1st. Our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held except a number of small ones omitted mostly on account of sickness & inclement weather. Some deficiency in regard to the attendance of midweek meetings. The hour is observed by most Friends: clear of unbecoming behavior except in two instances.

2d We believe that love and unity are in good measure maintained. Detraction mostly guarded against. When differences arise care is taken to end them.

3d. There are many amongst us desirous to maintain a religious life and conversation, and by precept and example to encourage the same in their children: but we see the need of increased earnestness in these respects.

4. We believe our members generally are in the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures daily in their families, & are careful to encourage to this duty in others. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is generally maintained.

5th. We know of no instance amongst us of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Amusements & diversions inconsistent with a Christian character are mostly avoided and a good degree of moderation is generally observed.

6th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected, & they are assisted, when necessary, in regard to employment and in the education of their children.

7th. We believe Friends maintain our testimony in regard to the several particulars of this Query.

8th. So far as we know Friends give the requisite attention to their pecuniary affairs; are just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Recording is attended to. A few removals without certificates, which are under care.

10th. Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and without partiality; & to place judgement, when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth and according to discipline.

Epistles

From the Meeting of Women Friends of New England held on Rhode Island in the Sixth month 1874

To London.

Dear Sisters

The return of our annual gathering in this place to transact the affairs of the Church has been sweetly crowned by tokens of the Blessed Master's love.

Around us, on every hand, are manifestations of his goodness, in clothing the earth with beauty, and bidding "all the trees of the wood to rejoice before him;" & in our midst his gracious presence has been known in the "breaking of bread" and by the spirit of praise & prayer resting on our assemblies. In the exercise of these graces both by beloved messengers of the Gospel now with us from other Yearly Meetings, and by contrite hearts amongst our own members, many weary spirits have been refreshed, and enabled to roll away their burdens, whether of sin or sorrow. Rich and varied have been the testimonies borne to the efficacy of that wondrous sacrifice offered upon Calvary for the Salvation of our fallen race, and we have been pointed with fresh earnestness to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world"

Since we last met, beloved friends who have served faithfully in the cause of our dear Lord and Savior have been removed as we reverently believe to "become pillars in the temple of our God that shall go no more out forever"

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In mourning the loss of these, we are cheered by remembering that "the church in heaven, on earth, in Christ is one"; - purchased by His own precious blood & resting upon Him, its immutable foundation; so that all its members can together rejoice in Him and say in the beautiful language of the poet

"We stand upon his merits;
We know no safer stand;
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land"

Your epistle of fifth month last was truly acceptable and we learn with gratitude that your annual gathering was also a time of renewal of spiritual strength. We would share with you the counsel given us at this season, never to yield to discouragement since it must ever be the work of our soul's enemy. There are no perplexities or difficulties in our path that are not known to our Heavenly Father, and whether they are obstructing his government in our own hearts or in the church he is able and willing to remove them in his own way and time, if we do but place all in his hands.

Many subjects of interest have come up in order before us. The cause of the poor neglected Indians, and the inauguration of our mission work in Syria have claimed special sympathy. In the latter, we feel much pleasure in being associated with dear friends in your land. We rejoice in the privilege of aiding, in some small degree, the spread of the blessed Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ amongst benighted souls in that land once hallowed by his personal presence and teaching.

Again our hearts salute you in his love, desiring that when the conflicts of life are over, we may all meet together "in the city of the living God - the heavenly Jerusalem" "joined to the general assembly and church of the first born which are written in heaven"

We are affectionately your Sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in New England from the 13th of 6th Mo. to the 15th of the same inclusive 1874

To the next Meeting of Women Friends to be held in Dublin

Beloved Sisters

We are again mercifully permitted to meet as a Yearly Meeting; and we have gratefully to acknowledge the overshadowing wing of Divine love to have been spread over us while we have been in love to each other, harmonizing our deliberations and filling our hearts with thanksgiving to the Father of our mercies. Although we sadly miss the company and counsels of some dear friends who have been gathered home since our meeting last year, our hearts are cheered by the company of many dear young sisters whose interest in the concerns of the Church is a comfort and strength to their elder friends; and we believe many of these are under the preparing hand of the Lord to receive the fallen mantles of those who must ere long "lay down the cross to take the crown" and enter into their everlasting rest.

May the dear young friends both with you & with us be encouraged to consecrate themselves entirely to the service of their Lord that they may be made instrumental in promoting this cause in the world - that their own happiness may be secured for this life as well as that which is to come and they be made a blessing in their day and generation.

We pray with you the fulfilment of the promise "I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily and cast forth his roots as Lebanon". "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee" "They go from strength to strength"

Your epistle of the present year has been read in our meeting and its words of loving greeting & Christian sympathy have cheered our hearts. Your touching allusion to our beloved sister Jane in connection with our dear friend Mary James Lecky was very sweet to us. We gladly remember her visit here, when by her clear

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and decided views of Christian faith and [illegible] most decidedly to the promotion of the Divine Master's cause, we indeed trust endeared themselves to us. These dear friends were indeed lively and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not [long] divided."

We have not been permitted to welcome any dear friends from Ireland with us, this year, but we have the company of many friends from other Yearly Meetings, in this continent, who have brought us messages of love and consolation in the gospel & our dear Lord and Savior. Indeed we may say the gospel trumpet has given forth no uncertain sound. The exceeding value as well as entire necessity of prayer have been earnestly dwelt upon, and the value and usefulness of the family altar in our households have been clearly set forth. We have sympathized in your concern for the religious training of our children, and parents have been encouraged and entreated to be awake to the importance of this duty. The habit early formed & faithfully continued of bringing all our wants & wishes to our Heavenly Father in prayer, of telling him our anxieties and troubles and of gratefully acknowledging his mercies & favors will we believe prove, through life, a guard against temptation, a source of consolation in sorrow and a brightener of every joy.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath
The Christian's native air
His watchword at the gate of death
It enters Heaven with prayer"

Our meeting has been large & many subjects of interest have come before us. Our Committees in charge of the affairs of the Friend-people, the long oppressed Indians, Freedmen, Foreign Missions &c, have given interesting reports, and we desire that our interest in all efforts to benefit our fellow creatures may be quickened and increased.

The Committee in charge of General Meetings report that these meetings have been held in various parts of our Yearly Meeting - as well as in other places - and that a blessing has attended them

and many through their instrumentality have been awakened to a sense of their need of repentance & remission of sins and been brought into the fold of Christ

And now, dear Sisters, Farewell; may you grow in grace & in the knowledge of God and dwell in his love
To Him be glory both now and forever
We remain your affectionate Sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New York

Dear Sisters

Once more we have been permitted in the mercy of our Heavenly Father to come to our annual meeting. We trust that many have come in the power of the Spirit, that together we may praise him for his manifold blessings & mercies so that "the abundant grace, may, through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God". Many epistles from the Yearly Meetings are with us whose labors have been to the edification of the church and we pray that they may be the means of bringing many into the kingdom of our God.

While listening to the reading of the epistles received at this time, we have rejoiced in the love which binds us together as true disciples of Christ, and realized that "if we walk in the light as he is in the light we" indeed "have fellowship one with another" How infinite the love and condescending goodness of the Lord to his children, that in so many ways, he is reminding us that we are not our own, but for "the great love wherewith he loves us", our little all is due to him.

May the language of each soul be, "Unto him that hath ears to hear let him hear" May each of us be obedient to the gentle teaching of his Holy Spirit, in simple faith and trust keep his command-

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divinely appointed place in the body, and the work of the Lord
be well and harmoniously done. So by this power shall
we know of overcoming our souls enemies and the
church shall become a victorious power in the earth; for
"the Lamb" and his followers shall have the victory"

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your
Spirits

Signed by direction of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Baltimore

Dear Sisters

"Keep silence before me, O islands, and
let the people renew their strength; let them come near
then let them speak; let us come near together to
judgement"

Whilst attempting to answer your sisterly sal-
tation this Scripture arises, reminding us of the unerring
Guide which will enable us to clearly discern the gen-
tlings of his finger - of observing that silence of all
flesh which will forbid our leaning unto our own
understanding, but will permit the listening ear to
hear what the Spirit would say to the churches

Our Yearly Meeting has been largely attended.
Many laborers from other parts of the vineyard have been
with us earnestly pleading the dear Redeemer's cause

Since our last gathering here, many loved ones
have gone to their eternal home; having, we trust,
through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord
been permitted to hear the gracious language, "Well
done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into
the joy of thy Lord".

We are comforted in the assurance, that
he who made them dedicated servants what they were,
still able are willing to qualify others to fill their place
who may in like manner "adorn the doctrine of
God our Savior"

In thus being reminded of the shortness of life compared with eternity, how closely comes home to us the solemn admonition, "Be faithful". Again, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life". We are, "therefore," be followers of God as dear children, and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor". We shall then in this life glorify him in our body and our spirits which are his, and at the end of the journey, through infinite mercy, be gathered, where our voice shall be added to that of "much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation and glory and honor and power unto the Lord our God."

With a salutation of love we are your sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland

Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in North Carolina

Dear Sisters

Being assembled in a Yearly Meeting capacity, our hearts have been warmed and cheered by the company of many gospel messengers from your and other Yearly Meetings, and the cementing influence of that love which unites all true believers in Christ has been very precious to us.

On beholding the many vacant places of those who have long been as pillars in the church we are forcibly reminded that "one generation passeth away and another generation cometh" to take the places of those who "rest from their labors and their works do follow them".

When considering the state of Society as evinced by the answers to the Queries from our different Quarterly Meetings many testimonies were borne to the rich blessings attending a faithful discharge of all our religious duties. The regular attendance of all our meetings, particularly those held in the

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middle of the week when it may require greater sacri
and the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in our fam
lies accompanied by vocal or silent prayer, though a
first observed as duties, many can testify have been
their highest enjoyment. It is when through the convi
ing power of the Holy Spirit we are brought to feel
our own weakness and entire dependence, & resign
ourselves wholly into the arms of our Savior that we
can go daily to the inexhaustible fountain & receive
fresh supplies for all our needs.

Our meeting has been large and the gospel has
been preached in demonstration of the Spirit & of pow

The various missions in which we as a society
are now actively engaged have claimed a large
portion of our time and interest; and the reports
from each have been encouraging.

Your acceptable epistle together with those from
other Yearly Meetings on this continent and from
London, Dublin and Norway have been as a brook by
the way refreshing to our souls; and we can truly
sympathize with those who are deprived of this
connecting link which tends to bind us together.

Now unto him that is able to keep us from
falling and to present us faultless before the presen
of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God
our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion & pow
now and ever. Amen.

With love, we are your sisters in Christ

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, Ohio.

Dear Sisters

Through the goodness of our Father
in heaven, we are permitted again, under the
canopy of his love, to assemble to transact the affa
of the Church, thankfully acknowledging that his i

"the power and the glory forever". While we are pained to behold the sad fruits of unbelief in our world of sin, we have been cheered, during this meeting, in hearing as the united sentiment of his people, the language of faith exclaiming "None but Christ, his blood alone for sin atones".

Your Christian greeting received at this time, meets a warm response from our hearts, and we rejoice that the divine unites us anew in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have been introduced into a lively exercise of soul that this heavenly principle may be the controlling element in our spiritual life, developing in us symmetrical Christian characters and causing us to render faithful service to him not only because it is our duty, but also because it is our highest privilege.

Some deficiencies have been noticed among us especially the neglect, by some of our members of attending our midweek meetings, which has elicited expressions of regret, accompanied with words of counsel on account of the loss individually sustained thereby. At the same time very tender sympathy has been extended toward those who are necessarily deprived of this privilege. These have been reminded that at their homes Jesus would meet them and break the bread of life to them.

As the subject of prayer has been interestingly brought before us, mothers have been admonished of their duty & encouraged daily to read some portion from the Holy Scriptures with their children, bowing the knee with them in praise & supplication, thus early teaching them by example as well as precept, to love the hallowed hour of prayer. In all the conditions of life, the power of prayer can hardly be estimated by us.

It invokes the strong arm of Omnipotence. Indeed what will God fail to do for his trusting children who make their requests known unto God. Nothing within the circle of his holy will. May our faith rest upon the promise of our Lord, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son".

Our duty towards those who have wandered from

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the right way has been realized to be a subject of vital importance; and a lively concern has been felt that the law of love may be practically exemplified towards these, in order to win them back, if possible to a better & happier life

Various objects of philanthropic effort have all received a share of our attention, and we rejoice that an increasing interest is felt amongst us for the evangelization of the world.

We have the acceptable company of many Friends from other Yearly Meetings who have presented to us "the truth as it is in Jesus". For this fresh manifestation of his love & mercy we bless the name of our God.

In conclusion, we bid you an affectionate farewell; and may the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

We remain your Sisters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

From the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held at Newport by adjournments from the 13th of the 6th Mo. to the 18th of the same inclusive 1874

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for Indiana

Dear Sisters

Your acceptable of 10th Mo. last has been read amongst us with others from our Sister Yearly Meetings; and we have been refreshed by the spirit of Christian love which pervades them all.

Especially suggestive is your desire that our lives may become "symmetrical - that every object may occupy its due place and all be in harmony with the Divine will

This is, indeed, a high spiritual attainment, but one we should earnestly & prayerfully seek after, remembering the words of our blessed Savior, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect": Compassed about with many infirmities, we realize that in ourselves dwelleth no good thing; but he who formed our hearts & comprehends the full measure of human weakness has promised to perfect whatever is lacking in his dependent children; and we know he is abundantly able to supply all our needs. We have been favored, at this time, with the company of many dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and we regard it as a fresh evidence of our Heavenly Father's love, that he has sent his anointed messengers amongst us.

Much excellent counsel has been given animating us to a more fervent consideration of duty; first, to our Creator and Redeemer, and, secondly, to our neighbor. The attendance of meetings for Divine worship has been very impressive, placed before us as a rich privilege which should be carefully cherished & improved; and the responsive testimony borne to the value of such occasions has encouraged us to feel that the Spirit of the Lord is at work among us, tendering & drawing to himself the hearts which he has made.

Various subjects of deep interest have claimed our attention. The cause of the benighted Indian, the new field of Foreign Mission work upon which we have entered, the cause of Temperance and other kindred subjects have come up in order before us, each eliciting sympathy and all combining to warm our hearts with desires to comfort the destitute, and with thankfulness for the blessings we ourselves enjoy. Dear Sisters, we would affectionately encourage you, also, to persevere in every work & gift & place of love to which the Lord has called you, looking unto him for a continual supply of grace to qualify, and committing every effort to his guidance. And whatsoever ye do, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto God & the Father by him" & we will be more abundantly bless[ed] [in] doing so. Thus in the end enable you to "rejoice with joy unspeakable & full of glory". In Christian love we remain your Sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting. Gertrude W. Cartland Clerk.

1874 To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

We greet you as beloved in the Lord Jesus. In reading your epistle our hearts were encouraged by your words of love and sympathy, and we realize what a blessed privilege we enjoy in thus being one another's helpers in the Lord.

As we met in our Annual assembly realizing our entire dependence upon the Great Head of the church, he was graciously pleased to refresh us by his Holy Spirit and to fill our hearts with thanksgiving; so that many of our souls have magnified the Lord & rejoiced in God our Savior.

We miss from their accustomed seats some whom we tenderly loved, but we remember, with grateful hearts, their earnest words of encouragement to us, to press on through storm and calm, sunshine and cloud that we may gain that blessed haven of rest which they have now peacefully entered; and as children of the Lord Jesus we have rejoiced in the bond which so closely unites "the whole family in heaven and earth".

We desire that you with us may experimentally understand the truth of the words, "We being many are one body in Christ and every one members one of another".

God has set some in the church apostles; some prophets, some, teachers; others, helps; and each one has a place in this spiritual house - each one his work. With hearts fully consecrated unto the Lord, may he keep our eyes fixed upon him, waiting to do his bidding even in lowly service for his dear sake. The Lord is calling for laborers in new fields which are, even now, white unto harvest. We have been deeply interested in the report of our Committee on Foreign Missions. The Lord has wonderfully opened the way for the establishment of a Mission on Mt. Lebanon, and qualified by his Holy Spirit laborers to preach Christ & him crucified and to declare the fulness of blessing there is in his gospel.

Realizing our privileges in this gospel land may we all cheerfully contribute, of what God has given us, to spread the knowledge of full free salvation by Christ Jesus; that

[illegible] and Freedmen - who have also at this time claimed our aid & sympathy - many precious immortal souls may be gathered to swell that multitude who shall ascribe glory and dominion "unto him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood". We feel that the General Meetings which we have held during the past year have been greatly blessed to the awakening and conversion of souls and the building up of believers. The precious privilege of prayer has been cherished and the duty of social prayer in our families has been impressively brought before us. "In everything, by prayer & supplication let your requests be made known unto God; and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". May this blessing of peace, the gift of God, abide with you always

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Having been permitted to meet once more in our Annual Assembly, our hearts have been raised in humble thanksgiving to the Father of all our mercies who, weak and unworthy as we have felt ourselves to be, has accompanied us with his life-giving presence.

The various subjects which concern the welfare & prosperity of the church have been disposed of in much harmony and love; & we have realized that the Lord alone is the strength & his people. Your acceptable epistle has been read together with those from other Yearly Meetings, which have comforted and encouraged us in standing to strength in the bond of Christian fellowship, to commune more

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[illegible] the golden chain of heavenly love while [illegible]
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We have at this time the acceptable company of many of the Lord's anointed servants from other Yearly Meetings whose labours of love have been refreshing to many minds. The reading of the Queries was followed by a season of deep searching of heart; and while we have rejoiced in the increased evidences of spiritual life in our midst, we have been introduced into a feeling of sadness on account of our many deficiencies. Prominent among these is the non-attendance of midweek meetings by some of our members. It has been shown us that if our hearts were sufficiently filled with the love of Christ, our Redeemer, the love of the world would lose its power; and instead of deeming it an irksome duty, we should consider it a precious privilege thus to assemble for the holiest of purposes, even that of Divine worship.

If any be overtaken in a fault, we have been admonished to visit such in the spirit of restoring love. Though we cannot be each other's keepers, we can at least, as ability is received, pray that we may be kept by the power of God, and so be helpers one of another in the Lord. The humble, careful readers Zionward have been encouraged; the faint-hearted strengthened, sinners have been warned of their danger and tenderly invited to Christ who hath said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out". The lukewarm have been aroused to greater diligence, many who have been resting under the shadow of an empty profession, having the form of godliness without the power, have been mercifully awakened to a sense of their condition, and are earnestly seeking by the transforming grace of God, to become living stones in the hands of the great Master Builder who has assigned to each his proper place. Much salutary counsel has been given to mothers in regard to the religious training of their beloved children and we have been forcibly reminded of the efficacy of prayer on their behalf. May the good seed, so unsparingly sown, yield an abundant harvest through the blessing of the good husbandman who alone giveth the increase.

Dear ones who have long stood as pillars in the church have been removed, the memory of whose devoted lives

has been precious to us. We trust that many of our dear young sisters are under the preparing hand of the Lord to receive the falling mantles of these. Our earnest breathings & our spirits for this interesting class with you & with us is that they may be willing so to abide the refining fires of the heavenly Father's love, the baptism of His Holy Spirit that the word of God abiding in them, they may become strong in the Lord, - that in the power of His blessed Spirit they may adopt the language of the prophet, "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

With the salutation of love, we are your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland

Clerk.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

In remembrance of the loving-kindness of our heavenly Father toward us in permitting us to meet again in an Annual gathering, our hearts are filled with gratitude unto him who is "the Giver of every good and perfect gift", and we desire unto his trusting children those things that are needful for them; and we are ready to say with the Psalmist, "The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works".

We have received & read your acceptable epistle, and are comforted in the belief that all those who are the humble trusted followers of the Lord Jesus are members of one Household drinking at the same fountain of life and peace.

Very precious has been the company of many of the Lord's servants from other Yearly Meetings; and we have

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been tenderly exhorted not to "forsake the assembling of ourselves together" for the worship of our Father in heaven, not only to consider it a duty but a privilege to meet for the purpose of holding sweet communion with him who said "Blessed are they which do hunger & thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled"

Mothers have been encouraged to take their children with them to the house of worship - that these also may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven". It is our fervent desire that the young may be willing to leave all and follow the dear Redeemer, serving him because he is Lord; & may they also remember the invitation from the lips of our Savior "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden & I will give you rest; take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls: for my yoke is easy and my burden is light" Dear sisters let us pray for each other, that we may be one another's helpers in the Lord. Let us be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might - that whatever our trials & sorrows, we may realize the Everlasting Arms to be underneath for our support.

Give unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings & priests unto God and his father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

With the salutations of love, we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

In again being permitted to assemble at our annual meeting, the language is revived, "He brought me to the banqueting house and his banner over me was love"; also, "Thou shalt be abundantly satisfied

with the fatness of thy house and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasure" - language that implies "a feast of fat things". Such is the provision made by the Lord of Hosts for his needy children - with the added assurance that our God will supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. No carnal rejoicing is in his feasts; the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness peace and joy in the Holy Ghost". Such is the Christian's privilege when mingling with his brethren in solemn worship or in deliberating upon the affairs of the church. It is the gracious purpose of our God to lead us on to yet deeper experiences of the rich provisions of his Infinite love and power, until we can say with the Psalmist, "My cup runneth over".

We thankfully acknowledge the privilege of this epistolary correspondence; it is indeed a tie which binds our hearts in Christian love. Your reference to the privations in your Western State touched a chord of sympathy in our hearts. It is a blessing that we can bear one another on the wing of prayer to our Father in heaven who is Lord over all blessed forever. Our hearts are humbled under a lively evidence of our Father's love in the company and services of his chosen servants.

Our meetings have been full seasons of deep heart-searching before the Lord, and the gospel has been proclaimed in its fullness in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

The subject of Temperance with many other philanthropic movements is claiming the renewed attention of Friends in this Yearly Meeting; and the desire is felt that our branch of the church should be alive to this important work. The Lord has opened the door and is waiting to pour out his Spirit upon his Laborers to prepare them for Light & Life service, to carry the glad tidings of salvation to the fallen, & to comfort those whose wails of anguish have arisen from hearts crushed by the great evil of intemperance; as woman true to her Lord goes forth in love & gentleness under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, many will be ready to testify, "He is the One" Let us then, dear Sisters dwell low, believing unto Jesus "that we may be prepared to go at his bidding or to stay at his command. With the salutation of love we remain your sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Gertrude W. Cartland Clerk.

Epistles from New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1875.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London

Dear sisters

As we salute you again in the love of the gospel our hearts are filled with gratitude to him who has gathered us into one family, & permitted us to call him our Father. This precious feeling of oneness in Christ has been livingly revived as we have listened to your affectionate epistle, & to those of our sisters from other Yearly Meetings. In all these acceptable greetings there has been a remarkable unison of experience breathing into us of sweet encouragement, the assurance, that everywhere throughout the borders of our beloved Society, the Lord is teaching the same lessons and guiding them by his Holy Spirit into the same paths of consecration & obedience. We realize that his hand is full of blessings which he is pouring out upon waiting hearts and contrite spirits, and that all who will avail themselves of his gracious invitation may partake and be abundantly satisfied.

We rejoice to hear the gospel proclaimed amongst us with a clear and certain sound; calling to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom alone we can receive forgiveness of sins, and to holiness of life "without which" we are assured "no man shall see the Lord".

Many messengers from different sections of our own land have been acceptably with us at this time, who have labored diligently in word and doctrine, pressing upon us the importance of entire dedication, that we may receive the baptisms of the Holy Spirit and know every root of evil to be eradicated from our hearts; that henceforth we may be wholly given up to the service of the our divine Lord and Master and be kept by his power from day to day. Thus we shall be qualified to bear witness before the world to the efficacy of the grace of God, and, with lights ever burning, we shall become living beacons on the heavenward path. And as this is our

individual experience, the language will be applicable to us as a church, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee". Closely united to you, dear sisters, in a common faith, may we meet together hail the dawn of such a day, and seek at the one mercy seat for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon every portion of our beloved Society.

We observe with interest your allusion to the Christian's privilege of entering the land of promise even in the present life. The apostle says "We which have believed do enter into rest". If our hearts are truly surrendered to the Lord of life and glory, he will establish his kingdom within them — the government will be upon his shoulder and as he is the Prince of Peace we shall know an inward tranquillity through all the vicissitudes of life. Under his sovereignty we shall dwell in the "valley of blessing" where the dews of heaven rest; — the dear Redeemer who has borne our sins, will bear our burdens also, and the peace of God which passeth understanding shall keep our hearts & minds through Christ Jesus.

With the earnest prayer that we may be one with you in this pure and holy experience we remain, your affectionate sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends to be held in Dublin

Dear Sisters

Precious, indeed, is your greeting which comes to us across the water. Our hearts take up a new note of praise, that while abundant showers of divine grace have fallen upon many fields people of your sea-girt land you were not forgotten. Increasingly near have you been brought to us, as, with tender interest and fervent prayers we followed the Lord's dear

messengers from our own land in their labors of love with you. We miss their counsel and words of cheer, but gratefully acknowledge that the Lord has been mindful of us, in that he has sent to us more than a score of his faithful ambassadors from the several Yearly Meetings on this continent. Men and women grown old in their Master's service who have learned that best of all lessons, how to live wisely and well, have proclaimed the everlasting gospel in its simplicity. The Lord's anointed servants, standing in their noontide strength or in their glad bright youth, have faithfully pointed the people to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world"

"In redemption's wondrous story
Planned before our parents fall
From the cross unto the glory
Jesus Christ is all in all"

Some sitting by the wayside of life have heard that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by", and have said "Thou Son of David have mercy upon us: receiving their sight they go forth praising God.

The children of the heavenly King have been admonished, that if we "walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another, & the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin"

Tenderly indeed have mothers been admonished that they be careful in the training of their children, lest they bring reproach upon the cause of truth & destruction upon their offspring. Dear mothers, whose faces we have never seen, this is our common interest. When the Lord entrusts to us these most precious gifts, he says as did the Egyptian princess to the mother of Moses "Take this child away & nurse it for me and I will give thee thy wages" This is our great life work, which let us do in the strength of Him who "giveth power to the faint"

It has been a cause of heart-felt thanksgiving that great harmony has prevailed in the transaction of business throughout our meeting. The reports from our different fields of Christian labor have been intensely interesting and satisfactory.

Our Indian affairs which have caused great anxiety to the lovers of peace now present a somewhat brighter aspect, and we trust in God that we shall yet see the peaceable fruits of righteousness among the red men of the West.

Cordial cheering news comes to us from the Anglo American Mission on Mt. Lebanon; rousing the great beating heart of this Yearly Meeting with an enlarged desire for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Your appeal for our sympathy & prayers that the tide of intemperance might be stayed in your island home, meets here a hearty response.

The Friends of Peace have been active & faithful to their trust. And as we look over the work of the year now closed, we believe, that, with deep humility and great reverence we may "thank God & take courage".

And now farewell; may the Lord bear us up as the years bear us on. "Unto him that is able to keep you from falling & to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and ever."

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends to be held in New York

Dear Sisters

We have been drawn towards you in that love which knows no bounds as we have heard the cheering words of Christian counsel & encouragement, contained in your excellent epistle; and a fresh seal has been placed to the truth that "if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another". As children of a King, - members

of the household of faith, let us pledge ourselves to
raise high the royal standard bearing the image
of "the Lion of the tribe of Judah", & inscribed with
the motto "Holiness to the Lord".

We rejoice that the tidal wave of Salvation which is
sweeping over the old & the new world has reached
not only your camp but ours, & we all its fulness
and freeness has been presented to the sinner with
a power not to be resisted. Many Gospel messengers
are with us at this time in response to the Macedonian cry, and we desire that the hearts of all the
people may be in a receptive state, so that the
seed sown may be received into good ground;
and that many lost sheep may be indeed
brought to the fold of the good Shepherd where
"there is bread enough & to spare".

As in former years, mothers have been impressively reminded of the great responsibility resting
upon them in the training of their precious children, and they have been urged to guard the tender
plants, not only with gentle love, but also with
holy watchfulness.

The Holy Scriptures have been commended to them
as a book to be daily studied and taught to their
little ones, that no opportunity be neglected of
showing them the ground of the mother's hope, and
that she esteems it a blessed privilege to consult
the oracles of God, having for her watchword the
command, "Therefore shall ye lay up these words
in your heart and in your soul, & bind ye shall
teach them to your children, speaking of them
when thou sittest in thy house & when thou
walkest by the way, when thou liest down & and
when thou risest up". As we sow so shall we
reap. If we neglect to scatter the good seed
morning by morning when the soil is mellow
& fertile we may reap in sorrow, in the evening, only
brambles and thorns which the enemy has sown,
for the garden will be planted and mothers can
choose the seed if they will.

Among the several avenues for Christian labor

which have received the attention and support of this Yearly Meeting, that of Foreign Missions has held an important place, and an increasing desire is felt in many hearts that laborers may be sent into the whitened harvest fields of earth under the divine commission, "Go ye into all the world & preach the gospel to every creature" The reports from our mission on Mount Lebanon are truly encouraging & we have already experienced the blessedness of the promise, "He that watereth shall be watered also himself". As we have by faith taken of the things of Christ & offered them unto others, the reflex influence has tended to enlarge our own borders, opening to us new missionary fields in our very midst. We would solemnly entreat of those who have known the sanctifying power of grace in their own hearts, to go forth into the world, to drive the gospel plough deep with the furrows of sin, & expose the cold, dark clods to the warming rays of the Sun of righteousness. As the word to the sinner is "whosoever", so the word to the Christian is "whithersoever".

Now, dear sisters, as we have confidence in the promise, that "if two of you shall agree, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" will you not unite your prayers with ours for a fresh endowment of power upon the church, under a sense of the solemn fact, that an unbaptized church is utterly powerless to attack & overthrow the strongholds of sin, and also that deliverance may not only be preached to the captive, but that every captive may be willing to accept the liberty that is so freely offered him in the kingdom of Christ.

Wherein you have experienced a growth in grace, we rejoice, wherein you have had a backsliding, in different spirit to contend with, we mourn with you, "for whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored all the members rejoice with it". Dear, seeking sister, tossed about with doubts and fears, would you have peace? The Lord lovingly says to thee "My peace

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I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;" ... "Let not your hearts be troubled". Dear, believing sister, thou who hast realized the cleansing power of the blood of Christ; dost thou desire a wider field; wouldst thou have souls for thy hire? The Saviour command to thee is, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men".

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus, that ye may with one mind & one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for Baltimore

Dear Sisters

The reading of your acceptable epistle of 10th month last has brought you very affectionately to our remembrance, and we have been made glad by the renewed assurances that the disciples of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ are all members of the same family speaking the same ~~foreign~~ language, walking by the same rule and minding the same thing.

We are permitted once more to assemble as a Yearly Meeting, on this lovely island, at this pleasant season when all nature seems to be sending up a tribute of praise to the bountiful Creator of so much beauty, to gladden our eyes and our hearts. And we are favored with the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, which we feel to be a special favor.

Among these are many messengers of the gospel of life and Salvation, who have brought us good tidings of the land which our Father has in store for us, and which this is this will that we shall go in & possess, even "quietness & assurance forever" Assurance that our sins are forgiven through repentance and faith in the

atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and quietness which is "the effect of righteousness". How beautiful & how clear is the connection of cause & effect. "Mercy and Truth are met together, Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other" then follow in our lives the fruits of the Spirit to which we have given place in our hearts, - love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

We rejoice to know that you also find comfort in the belief of a present salvation, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us [now] from all sin. Not that we may not again & again be tempted, for Satan hath desired to have us that he may sift us as wheat but our Lord has given us the comforting assurance "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness"; and again the apostle declares, "There hath no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Let those then who have truly and with humility devoted themselves to the service of the blessed Master take fresh courage. In entire self-abnegation, let them "rejoice in the Lord and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness" and say with the prophet, I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness" Surely we have no need of discouragement, with such an Almighty Helper to defend & deliver. Let us then, dear sisters," comfort one another with these words".

We have the company of many dear young friends whose interest & sympathy & participation in the exercises of the meeting have greatly strengthened us. Much interest is felt in the cause of First-day Schools. Our committee in charge of the interests of the Indian tribes, of Foreign Missions, of Peace

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Temperance and Education & of General Meeting have made satisfactory reports, & we hope and gratefully believe that the Lord of the vineyard is sending, constantly, "laborers into his vineyard"

And now, dear Sisters, farewell. May the God of peace who brought again from the dead the Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever & ever. Amen"

Signed by direction of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in North Carolina

Dear Sisters

Once more gathered in this our annual assembly, our hearts extend the Christian greeting, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord" whose presence we reverently acknowledge, at this time, giving us a blessed realization of the sweetness and excellence of the way of truth.

Our hearts respond to the sentiments embraced in your epistle, the reading of which, with those of our sisters from other Yearly Meetings, has brought us very near each other in the fellowship of the gospel, & sealed, anew, the impression upon our hearts, that in the varied circumstances of life, the church of Christ, baptized with the Holy Ghost, is one in Spirit, because washed in the same precious blood & partaker of the same heavenly Bread which nourisheth the soul unto eternal life. The Lord has remembered us in great mercy in that he has sent his messengers from your and sister Yearly Meetings in his own authority, and clothed with his own Spirit, who have declared unto us, with great power, the simple way

of salvation, through "repentance toward God & faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ", displaying before the people the banner of his holiness, blessed be his name forevermore.

On reviewing the state of Society as revealed to us by the answers to the Queries, we find some deficiencies especially in the attendance of our midweek meetings which have elicited expressions of regret from many and we have been kindly encouraged to leave, during the short hour devoted to the worship of Almighty God, all unnecessary care, & repair to the congregations of his people, & there wait, in glad response of soul to all his requirings. The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures collectively & individually has claimed our attention, and all have been encouraged to faithfulness in this respect. Mothers have been tenderly admonished of the great responsibility of their position in the proper training of their dear children; and, as one of God's own precious means of blessing, the duty of prayer, not only for but with them was pressed lovingly upon our hearts, reminding us that God does answer the prayers of his faithful children, though it may be after their voices are hushed in death.

We notice vacancies amongst us. Our dear aged mothers are passing away. May their sun set in eternal brightness, while the young and strong receive joyfully the falling mantles of those who have fought the good fight & have finished their course

The cause of Education is receiving increased attention among us. We desire that great care should be exercised in the intellectual & spiritual training of our children. Our Mission work on Mount Lebanon has been abundantly blessed of the Lord, not only in improving the condition of the poor benighted ~~children~~ of that land, bringing many, we humbly trust to the feet of our blessed Redeemer, but tending greatly to increase the spiritual life of our church at home.

The subjects of Temperance & Peace, as legitimate "fruits of the Spirit", we feel drawn to day as

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hitherto, the prayerful consideration of the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we rejoice that they are receiving the sympathy and support of this Yearly Meeting. Our hearts are made glad that many of your dear, younger sisters, as well as ours, by submitting to the powerful influences of the Holy Spirit, are cheerfully entering into the service of their divine Lord & Master. The word of exhortation to them & to all of us is, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen". With much love we are your sisters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

From N. England a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Rhode Island by adjournments from the 12th of 6th month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1875.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear sisters in Christ

Another year has passed away since we last greeted you, and we have again assembled in our Annual meeting & have received from you and from other Yearly Meetings precious epistles fraught with love and sweet counsel which cheer our hearts & make us rejoice in the belief that one is our Master, even Christ and that we are united in his infinite love.

Some of our loved ones who have been worst to meet with us have passed away during the past year, from works to rewards; and as we look upon their vacant places, we are reminded that here we "have no continuing city". May each one of you, dear sisters, and of us be concerned, to know of a certainty that, "if our earthly house & this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens", whose foundation is Christ Jesus "the Rock of Ages". We have had a very precious meeting at this time

Many ministers of the gospel are with us from your and other Yearly Meetings who have been enabled to declare the whole counsel of God with power & accompanied by the baptism of the Spirit. Sinners have been warned of the danger of continuing in alienation from God, mourners have been comforted, and those who have been discouraged because of temptation have been exhorted to consecrate all to the Lord & by faith look to him for "grace to help in every time of need" trusting ever in his keeping power. Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid on thee because he trusteth in thee"

By the reports of your several committees appointed last year we find they have been laboring faithfully in the cause of Temperance, education, foreign and home missions and on behalf of the freedmen and Indians, and yet very much remains to be done. May he whom we profess to serve qualify and send forth many more to labor in these directions, & may thy day be thus hastened when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters do the sea.

We are glad that the cause of Temperance has claimed so much of your attention. May the Lord still bless & prosper you in this and every other "good word & work". "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing" "And, now, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen"

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends

Your epistle of last year has been received and read at this time, also similar testimonials of gospel love from all the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. We can truly say this interchange of thought & feeling is gratifying

and consoling to us, and, in replying, while conscious that of ourselves we are not able to reach the Witness for truth in the hearts of those to whom we write, earnest have been our prayers to the living God, that he may instruct us by his Holy Spirit.

We have the acceptable company of an unusually large number of gospel messengers both from your Yearly Meeting and others, whose zeal in their Master's cause should stimulate us to increasing interest & efforts in the important work of the Salvation of souls. We have indeed had "line upon line, precept upon precept", and they "have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God": A full and free salvation through faith in the atoning blood of our Lord Jesus Christ has been proclaimed to all, & earnest have been the exhortations that none should fail to receive the proffered grace. We have also been reminded of the need of a full consecration of ourselves to the Lord, that we may serve him more efficiently and, as he gives the ability, may be instrumental in bringing other souls to him.

Mothers have been especially reminded of the grave responsibilities resting upon them, and they have been tenderly entreated to pray with and for their children and to cultivate a spirit of entire confidence with them, not only in regard to temporal concerns, but the more important of the salvation of their immortal souls.

May the precious admonitions which we have received sink deep into our hearts, and be felt when these dear friends shall have returned to their homes & some of us to our firesides & small, retired meetings.

While we sympathize with all the members of the body, we raise our fervent supplications especially for those who may be in affliction, that they may bow in submission to the chastening rod, remembering that our Father in heaven afflicts not willingly the children of men although in his inscrutable wisdom his designs are oftimes with held from mortal view.

The subject of Temperance continues to claim our attention as we endeavor to do all in our power to aid in the conflict against this great evil (?)

Our Mission on Mount Lebanon has been reported to us as having been blessed during the past year, and

the influence of the work done there has reached us also. The work among the Freedmen and Indians and the great cause of Peace have occupied us, and, as ability has been given us, we have endeavored to do what we could in each, trusting for success to him who bids us use the talents entrusted to us in his service.

May he bless both you & us as we seek to serve him here, & finally receive us into his kingdom to dwell with him forevermore.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear sisters of the fold of Christ, we greet you under a renewed sense of our oneness in him, and, we believe, give thanks to the Lord for this badge of discipleship - even that we love one another with a measure of that love, with which God for Christ's sake hath loved us.

It has been the desire of our hearts at this time that our tender Shepherd would feed us with that spiritual food, which we so much need, that we might be nourished up in him and became strong in the Lord; and we thankfully ~~acknowledge~~ realize that he hath given us the finest of the wheat and honey out of the rock. The reports of our committees on ministry with have been very encouraging, and we have been led to call for a fresh baptism upon our members that many may be prepared to carry the glad tidings to those waiting souls; for "how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" We feel that the Macedonian cry of hearts has been answered, for we have the company of many gospel messengers from other Yearly Meetings whose labors have helped to fill our cups of blessing. Surely God doth lead his children like a flock, going before them he preparath the way, and they who know his voice will follow whithersoever he leadeth, fearing not, well knowing that he cannot err;

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though the way may seem dark, and discouragements like a thick hedge beset us round about, yet we need not fear to follow our blessed Leader even to Gethsemane.

"Where the Master's feet have trod,
Our feet should press the holy sod,
Nor fear the terrors of the road
He leadeth well with careful hand."

Let the prayer of our heart be "Lord, lead us"; and as we are enabled to follow him in the obedience of faith, we shall find, even in the midst of tribulation and suffering, the blessedness of the life that is in Christ Jesus, realizing that the kingdom of God is righteousness.

Dear sisters, ye to whom is given heavenly bread to distribute to hungry souls in the ability which God giveth be ye faithful to your trust, lest no one take your crown. Great is your responsibility, and great will be your loss if you withhold that which is given you for others. "Be ye clean, who bear the vessels of the Lord."

And ye little ones, the lambs of the fold. Oh, be ye not fearful nor doubting for ye are the Lord's, but rather be bold in the cause of Truth; accept the promises as to you individually, and doubt not the fulfilment of them, for he is faithful that promised; cast yourselves unreservedly at Jesus' feet and trust him for all; submit yourselves as clay in the hands of the potter, and the God of heaven will make of you just such vessels as shall honor him. Fear not though your words for his glory be few and in a stammering tongue, if you are found abiding in Christ the true and living vine, ye shall bring forth fruit to his praise, even though ye know it not. And ye who are set as mothers in the church, be ye also faithful in the discharge of your duties and in watchfulness over your own hearts. Neglect not to speak the word of reproof or encouragement in due season. Be instant in season and out of season, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Finally, dear sisters, be of good cheer, be of one mind; and may "the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts & minds through Christ Jesus". Signed on behalf of the meeting:

Gertrude W. Cartland Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Iowa

Dear Sisters

Humbled under a fresh sense of the mercies of our Redeemer and his long suffering goodness toward us, we are reminded of our obligations to him who is our Advocate with the Father.

Bought with the price of his precious blood, how touching and how soul-cheering is the consideration that through gracious adoption we may become joint heirs with him in his glorious kingdom. The Lord our God is a covenant keeping God keeping covenant and shewing mercy to thousands of them that fear him". May more of us lose sight of our indebtedness, but believing in him with the whole heart, testify in word and deed, that "Ye are my witness saith the Lord" Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God, how unsearchable are his judgements and his ways past finding out!" But as according to his mercy he saveth us, the believing trusting children of God have abundant cause of humiliation when tracing his gracious dealing with them, that "in the midst of judgement he remembereth mercy" Then, dear Sisters, let us heed the exhortation to lay "aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author & Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross despising the shame & is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

As our annual assembly is large, & while we thankfully acknowledge the goodness of our heavenly Father in the extension of his loving kindness toward us, both immediately by his Holy Spirit and instrumentally, may we seek to have our dependence singly upon him. Then it is given to the faithful to know that "he maketh the out-goings of the morning & the evening to rejoice" in him.

Your acceptable epistle of last year has been

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received and read to our comfort & edification. We have also been cheered by the acceptable company & dear friends from other Yearly Meetings. A lively interest has been manifested in the concerns of Society by both older & younger, & we have been exhorted to increased faithfulness in the discharge of our various social & religious duties, most of all desiring that the walls of Zion may be rebuilt and that within her walls may be "raised up judges as at the first and counsellors as at the beginning." Works of benevolence & deeds of kindness to the bodies & souls of the children of men, have been encouraged, & especially hath the one great need & true conversion of soul to Christ been pressed upon us, that "born of the incorruptible seed & word of God that liveth and abideth forever" it may become the gracious privilege of all to know that "blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, over such the second death hath no power."

Desiring that "Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" we remain in the unchanging love of the gospel,

your friends

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Again have we been reminded, on coming together, that "the Lord reigneth;" and in that feeling our hearts have rejoiced & blessed his holy name. The reading of Epistles from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings has brought us into near sympathy with all who are united with us in church fellowship, though many of us are far separated as to the outward, we trust we are one in spirit, faithfully serving the Lord, for "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul, the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple". We feel that we can testify, to the

truth of this, that only as we ask counsel of him who alone can qualify for this work and service are we enabled to do any good thing. "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether, moreover by them is thy servant warned and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults." As this becomes our heart felt prayer and we present ourselves a living sacrifice before him as passive clay in his hands he will make us clean and abide with us forever; and our continued prayer will be, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

We have at this meeting the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings. Through them and our own appointed ones, the gospel has been freely preached. May it win many souls to Christ. For this & all our favors, we desire to return thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, waiting for a fresh baptism of spirit for each work and service.

We feel the epistolary intercourse to be very sweet; and to you dear friends who will soon assemble in your Yearly Meeting and mingle with many friends who have been with us, our hearts are drawn out in near and tender sympathy.

Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever."

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.

1875 To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear sisters

Again, through the mercy and goodness of our heavenly Father, we have been permitted to come to our annual meeting. Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart", and at this time we have been enabled to rejoice in him and to realize that he is the strength of his people and the saving strength of his anointed. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings, as eagles, they shall run & not be weary they shall walk and not faint". With what thanksgiving and praise to our Father does the true disciple of Christ realize this as he passes through this world, where according to the declaration of the Savior he shall have tribulation. Blessed be the Lord our God, he deals with his children in love, in infinite wisdom, and nothing is permitted to come upon us but what is necessary for the accomplishment of his blessed purpose in us, even our purification and conformity to the likeness of Jesus Christ our Savior.

O that every soul that bears his name would keep fast hold of this "It is I, be not afraid" and with patient submission trust in him & rest in him & not hinder the progress of his work in our souls, or frustrate his grace. Our hearts have been drawn out in tender sympathy with you in the severe trial through which you have been called to pass; & earnest are our prayers that, as children trust their earthly parents so you may trust our heavenly Father," casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you", and knowing what things ye have need of, he will now, as in days of old, "spread a table in the wilderness" & "cause rivers to flow in the desert"; & when, in faith, we ask, "Give us this day our daily bread", we may be confident that his word will be fulfilled to us in the outward as well as the spiritual bread will be given us, our water will be sure.

Dear sisters", tribulation worketh patience, and

patience, experience", (even the blessed experience of the faithfulness and tender care of our Father for every one of his children) "and experience, hope:" that hope and trust in him through Christ Jesus which "is as an anchor to the soul, both sure & steadfast"

So our faith in him is increased and our expectations come to be from him only. So by his own Spirit and power working in us, do we "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and at times as we realize how graciously & lovingly he deals with us, we are led to exclaim, O, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God, how unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past finding out!"

Your epistle, with those from other Yearly Meetings, has been acceptably read at this time!

Now may you, with us, be strengthened with all might according to his glorious power unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son, in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins". "To him be glory in the church throughout all ages"

In the love and fellowship of the gospel, we remain your sisters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk

To Friends in Norway

To our ~~dear~~ sisters in Norway, professing the same precious faith with us "Grace and peace be multiplied unto through the knowledge of God & of Jesus our Lord". This salutation of the apostle Peter in writing to his

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Christian brethren, oppressed, dear Sisters, the warm greeting which springs up in our hearts for you

Widely separated as we are, and most of us personally unknown to each other, we rejoice that, in the fellowship of the gospel, as members of one family we may receive, day by day, our supplies of living bread from the same bountiful hand.

It is a sweetly comforting thought, that, amid all our different surroundings, nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord; and, that, abiding in his love, there is a heavenly bond which unites his children of every nation in the same joys, the same holy service, the same glorious hope, - that with hearts trembling to the same centre, often bowed together before the throne of the Eternal a blessing may descend upon us in gracious answer to each others fervent and availing prayers; and thus brought near one to another in spirit, we become, though oceans roll between us, truly one anothers helpers in the Lord.

Our meeting this year has been largely attended by our own members and many dear friends also with us from other parts of our land. We believe the Lord of the harvest has been pleased to send hither anointed servants, some to proclaim his message for our encouragement, for the increase of our faith, and others deeply exercised for the prosperity of the truth as it is in Jesus to be among us as silent burden-bearers, the sweet travail of whose spirits has also been owned of the Lord, & returned in blessing to many souls.

Thus gathered as we have been in our meetings for worship and for transacting the affairs of the church in this day of religious toleration, and when our Christian Scruples have become so generally respected we have been humbled under a sense of the privileges we are permitted to enjoy beyond many of our predecessors who as good soldiers were willing even to die in defence of the great truths which we are now at liberty to hold and promulgate, and earnest-ly

been our desire that according to the rich favors bestowed, our branch of the Church, righteousness may abound in good fruit to the praise of him whom we acknowledge as our holy Head and Leader.

In this land as in yours, the door is open to a wide field of labor for our Divine Master, and we believe there never has been a time when the faithful maintenance of all our testimonies has been more needed in the world & more imperatively required of us than at present.

While nation lifts up the sword against nation and the people are still learning war, we feel that, in our allegiance to the Prince of Peace whom we profess to serve, our testimony upon this subject must be clear and unwavering; and we would tenderly encourage the dear mothers to avoid everything in the education of their children which tends to foster a spirit of retaliation for injuries, or under any circumstances to connect the war spirit with the principles of true patriotism. May we all be found using the influence our heavenly Father has given us to hasten the day when all national difficulties may be adjusted by the peaceable means of arbitration, as becomes those who bear the name of Christians.

You will be glad to learn that Friends are still engaged by establishing schools and otherwise, to aid those of African descent recently freed from slavery in our Southern States, and also on behalf of native Indian tribes; and their efforts the past year have been attended with favorable results.

In that love, dear sisters, which admits of no national barriers, but greets those who love the Lord Jesus in all lands, encouraging each other in every good word and work, we bid you affectionately farewell, commending you, with ourselves, "to God and the word of his grace which is able to build us up and give us an inheritance among them that are sanctified." Signed on behalf of the meeting

Gertrude W. Cartland
Clerk.